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5-MAN BATTLE SQUAD
TO FIGHT CRISIS

Mr. Attlee Given Labour's
Vote Of Confidence

London, July 30.

The belief that Britain's economic situation cannot wait until aid is forthcoming under the Marshall plan, that a decision on cuts in the Armed Forces will be made in the next 48 hours and that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will establish a five-man "battle squad" to fight the economic crisis, is expressed in some sections of today's British press.

Today's private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party discussed the economic situation and the decision of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, to return to England immediately.

This has heightened the tension, expressed in the press, which is now felt in Britain. References were made to a coalition government, the cutting of British armed forces in Germany, the Middle East and the Suez Canal Zone, and possible Government changes.

The Labour newspaper, the "Daily Herald," however, suggested that the prophets "have" stuporously over-reached themselves, and a commentator in the Communist "Daily Worker" implied that a "manufactured" stock market panic was designed to achieve "catastrophe as its ultimate objective."

The Parliamentary Correspondent of the London "Times" wrote: "Labour Members, like Members of other parties, are disturbed and anxious about the outlook."

"If the Prime Minister is prepared to be influenced by the strong views of some of his party colleagues, he may decide on some changes in the Government in the near future."

The "Daily Herald," in its editorial said: "The anti-Government clamour in a large section of the press will not deceive the public."—Reuter.

Miners To Work An
Extra Hour?

Mr. Attlee won a virtual vote of confidence from Labour members of Parliament today after explaining to them the "broad lines" of his plan for meeting Britain's desperate economic crisis.

A bulletin issued after the meeting said the members had expressed the "complete satisfaction" of the Party with the Premier's statement and added "the members assured him of the united support of the Parliamentary party (the Labour MPs) in all the measures which the Government thought it necessary to take."

Details of the explanations which he made were not made public, but the bulletin issued said he would explain his plan in the House of Commons next week.

Earlier, a well-informed source said Mr. Attlee would call upon Britain's miners to work an extra hour daily to increase the production of critically needed coal, the principal prop of the nation's crumbling economic structure. Mr. Attlee will suggest time-and-a-half pay for the overtime, later in the day. Mr. Attlee was scheduled to confer with leaders of the National Union of Mine Workers.—Associated Press.

New Estimates

Unconfirmed reports were current in British Labour Party circles tonight that the Cabinet had called upon all service chiefs to make a new estimate of their absolute minimum requirements in the light of Britain's critical shortage of foreign exchange.

These reports were given some credence in political quarters on the following grounds:

1. Pressure for reduction of British military commitments abroad, originally confined to left wing critics of Mr. Ernest Bevin's foreign policy, has steadily increased in recent months for economic reasons and has found echo inside the trade union movement.

2. Forces stationed abroad are seen by critics as representing the greatest single dispensable item contributing to Britain's foreign payments deficit, estimated this year to be in the region of around \$400,000,000.

The Only Measure

3. A drastic reduction of these forces is regarded by many trade unionists and economists as the only measure likely to save a large amount of foreign exchange quickly enough to avoid big cuts in food imports and hence in the basic ration of the British people.

Extension Of The Marshall
Plan To Far East

Travancore
To Join
Hindustan

Trivandrum, July 30.

Travancore has decided to join the Dominion of India, subject to certain conditions, it was understood here last night.

The conditions were said to concern defence, foreign affairs and communications.

This decision by the Maharajah, it was understood, was the result of recent negotiations and discussions in New Delhi between Lord Mountbatten, the Viceroy, and the Dewan (Prime Minister) of Travancore.

Travancore was the first Indian state to declare its independence after the establishment of the two dominions of India and Pakistan on August 15.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar, the Dewan, was last week attacked and wounded by an Indian after attending a State centenary celebration.—Reuter.

Dr. Evatt On Japan
Peace Treaty

Tokyo, July 30.

Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, now in Tokyo, said today that there should be no delay in drafting the Japanese peace treaty which, he believed, could be done early in 1948.

Evatt said the objectives of the peace treaty should be twofold: 1. security against aggression which "we have just suffered"; and 2. "the peace and welfare of all Pacific peoples."

Fatshan
Confiscation
"Danger"

The fate of the China Navigation Company's river steamer, "Fatshan," detained in Canton by the Chinese Maritime Customs, now lies in the hands of the Inspector-General of Customs, the "China Mail" was told by a representative of the Company yesterday.

Chinese press despatches from Canton yesterday said that Canton Customs officials regard the finding of the large amount of contraband goods on the "Fatshan" as a very serious matter in view of the fact that a similar case occurred previously involving a ship of the same company.

The despatches added that the steamer was "in danger of being confiscated."

Ringleader Wanted

According to a source close to the President's Canton Headquarters, another vessel of the Company, the ss. Wuhieh, was caught and fined for smuggling some time ago but has not paid the fine.

The "Fatshan" will be moored here till it turns over the ringleader of the smuggling gang, the same source added.

The case has been reported to the Central authorities in Nanking and instructions from the capital are being awaited pending further action.—Central News.

Cold-Blooded Murder Of
British Sergeants

Jerusalem, July 30.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi issued today a "communiqué" asserting that the two British sergeants who were kidnapped on July 12 had been hanged in a forest near Natanya in reprisal for the execution of three of its members at Acre Prison on Tuesday.

Shortly after the "communiqué" was issued from Tel-Aviv, a Police source reported that the bodies of the two soldiers had been found.—Associated Press.

Vain
Rescue
Effort

Jerusalem, July 30.

Haganah, self-styled Jewish National Defence Army, had failed in an intensive all-night search to find the two British sergeants.

Hundreds of Haganah members, ignoring a British dusk-to-dawn curfew, combed through the sand dunes and citrus groves of the northern coastal plain in the Natanya area in a fruitless hunt for Sgt. Clifford Martin and Mervin Paley of the British Army.

The search apparently was spurred by growing fears among a large part of Palestine Jewry that the British authorities would clamp down a widespread curfew if the Irgun carried out its threat.—Associated Press.

Tried as "Spies"

The Irgun today issued a communiqué announcing that the two soldiers were executed as "spies" after a trial in which they asked for clemency, but were turned down.

An official announcement said the bodies of the sergeants were found hanging from trees in the Government forest on the Sharon coastal plain.—United Press.

"Legal Action"

The Irgun communiqué stated the "two British spies, Martin and Paley, were found guilty in a trial of unlawful entry into Palestine, membership in a British terrorist organization called the British occupation army, responsible for the murder and suppression of Jews."

The Irgun declared the hangings were not in retaliation for the execution of the three Irgunists but were the result of "normal" legal action which it proposes to take against the British occupation forces.—United Press.

Fascist Leaflets
In Rome

Rome, July 29.

A large quantity of neo-Fascist leaflets was strewn in the streets of Rome in commemoration of Mussolini's birthday today.

The leaflets had "Long Live July 29" printed diagonally and a continuous "Long Live our Happy Day" along the edges.

The police confiscated huge quantities of other neo-Fascist leaflets. Squads were searching for the authors, whom the police described as "nostalgic youths."—United Press.

FROM VACATION
TO VACATE

Stockholm, July 30.

Well-informed political quarters said last night that the Swedish Foreign Office has requested Moscow to recall Russian Military Attaché Konov and another member of the Legation staff named Mihalov because of their "vacation" in a Swedish military region on the Finnish border near Tornedalen.—United Press.

Soong And Kung
Prepare Reply

Shanghai, July 30.

It was learned from circles close to T. V. Soong and H. H. Kung today that they were preparing a statement countering the allegations in the Central Daily News report accusing the Fuchung Corporation and the Yangtze Trading Corporation—the so-called "privileged family" concerns.

The statement, reportedly for publication tomorrow, said to cover three points:

(1) That the Fuchung Corporation, identified as belonging to T. L. Soong, who is a brother of "T.V.," is actually capitalised by three banks: The Bank of Communications, the Manufacturers' Bank and the Kinchen Banking Corporation.

ed by David Kung, son of H. H. Kung, was granted only US\$1,080,000 at the official rate instead of US\$1,800,000,000 as mentioned in the Central Daily story.

(2) That the operations of these companies have already been investigated by the Ministries of Finance and Economic Affairs and all cases of imports declared have been shown under proper regulations with no irregularities proved.—United Press.

(3) That the Yangtze Trading Corporation, which is oper-

MALANG'S FALL
PREDICTED

Batavia, July 29.

Reports from the war fronts in Indonesia today told of a continued Dutch advance from Tegal, west of Semarang, in Java, while the early fall to the Dutch forces of Malang, seat of the Republican Provisional Parliament, was predicted by neutral observers.

Malang was said to be threatened by a Dutch encircling movement. A Republican communiqué said that a few miles south of Malang, Kependjen had been attacked by Dutch forces, who, it was claimed, were repulsed.

Other reports from Jogjakarta said that the situation at Malang had "returned to normal" after the repulse of Dutch spearheads, north of the city.

Fighting which began at dawn today continued all day around Tjilatjeng.

The communiqué, confirming two Dutch air-raids on the Jogjakarta airfield today, said that two people were killed when one of the attacking planes dropped grenades and strafed Klaton near Surakarta (on the railway north-eastwards to Surabaya), Panasan and Bojolan in the Surakarta district were also attacked.

Dutch troops from seven ships landed at Tjilatjeng, 40 miles from Tebingtinggi, in the Medan area of Sumatra, yesterday, according to a broadcast today over the Republican radio.

The radio said that the landings were resisted. Two Dutch aircraft supported the landing.

A Dutch military spokesman at the Hague today said: "All Indonesian forces surrendering to the Dutch are disarmed and sent home, except for dangerous elements."—Reuter.

Jogjakarta Raid

Batavia, July 30.

Dutch planes were over Magway airport at Jogjakarta, again today, an Indonesian communiqué reported.

Indonesian anti-aircraft fire hit one Dutch plane as they strafed the airport.

A single Dutch fighter also bombed Ulang, mountain resort in East Java, the Indonesian announcement said.

The Indonesians also reported their own aircraft made a successful attack yesterday on Ambarawa in the path of the Dutch land force working southward from Tegal in Central Java.—United Press.

A dispatch from Soerabaya in east Java today said Dutch troops with American-made tanks and field guns moved out of Lawang at cut-up and officers forecast the capture by nightfall of Malang.

This report said the forces passed at least three villages destroyed by the Republicans in line with their "scorched earth" policy and there were reports Malang would be found in a similar state.—Associated Press.

Mediation Move

The Hague, July 29.

Well-informed but unofficial sources said today that Holland was ready to accept Britain's offer to mediate to end the Indonesian war if the Indonesians would recognize Dutch sovereignty over the whole country and if the Republicans would issue an immediate cease-fire order.

The Dutch Labour Party, meanwhile, feels that military action has "accomplished its initial aims and the time has come for renewed negotiations. The Labourites are said to favour calling in both British and Americans to negotiate a peace settlement.

These sources hedged on making out-and-out predictions that the Dutch war machine would be halted, however, pointing out that the Republican "scorched earth" policy might force the Dutch to continue their march.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S
GESTURE

London, July 30.

The British Government have suspended all military supplies and facilities to the Netherlands authorities in the Far East, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, stated in a Parliamentary reply today.—Reuter.

Scorched
Earth Hits
Chinese

Batavia, July 30.

The Dutch East Indies Government has already assured China that it will do its utmost to prevent further destruction of Chinese property during the Indonesian fighting, Dutch sources here said.

It is impossible to estimate the Chinese losses but it is understood that they already amount to many millions of guilders, the principal destruction has been to the Chinese residential sections of towns occupied by the Dutch, rice factories and to Chinese produce stocks.

Some observers have said that the Republicans were destroying Chinese property because of the fear that the Chinese would sell the produce to the Dutch, thus assisting them to obtain foreign credits needed for the economic rehabilitation of the occupied areas.

The people of Batavia, stated government headquarters in Java, were warned today that cholera germs were missing from the city's bacteriological research institute.

The germs—thought to be particularly virulent—were believed to have disappeared on July 24 when the Dutch police took the institute's senior research scientist, Dr. Djahman, brother-in-law of the Indonesian ex-premier, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, into custody.

The government has warned the population to drink only boiled water.—Reuter.

Six Months
For A Slap

Frankfurt, July 29.

A 22-year-old German train conductor was sentenced to six months' imprisonment here today for slapping the face of an American woman who refused his order to move from the crowded car entrance.

The woman, Miss Sally Doran, 32, of Brooklyn, New York, and now a civilian worker in Germany, has allegedly twice been "disciplined" as posted in a "New York Times" correspondent.

She showed the one-man U.S. Military Government Court trying the conductor Kurt Sterling a "black eye" caused by the slap.—Reuter.

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THE WEATHER

Present remains high over the central Pacific, and is low over the whole of China and Manchuria. There are signs of a shallow depression over the S. part of the Eastern Sea, from which a trough of moderately low pressure extends S.E. to the Caroline.

Today's Forecast—Moderate SW winds, partly cloudy, with a few scattered showers, continuing hot.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum	92.7 deg. Fah.
Minimum	81.8 deg. Fah.
Sunshine	12.5 hrs.
Rainfall	0.0 in.
W. Wind	1.2 m.p.h.
W. Direction	SW
W. Force	12 knots

Baro. at sea level 1008.3, 1008.5 m.b.

Humidity	77.7
Wind	12.5 m.p.h.
Wind Direction	SW
Wind Force	12 knots

COMMANDO SENT FOR TRIAL

Robbery With Violence Case: One Freed

Lords Decide Not To Challenge

LONDON, JULY 29. THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS PARTY, WITH A MAJORITY IN THE UPPER HOUSE, DID NOT INTEND TO INSIST ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORT NATIONALISATION BILL, WHICH WERE LAST WEEK REJECTED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

He made it plain, however, that the Opposition would put forward modified amendments to some of the clauses in an effort to reach a compromise on some of the features of the bill which they particularly objected.

New Soviet Non-Frat Decision

Berlin, July 29. Reliable sources reported today that the Soviet High Command has ordered its civilian personnel and dependents in occupied Germany to segregate themselves from the German population and move into new compounds reserved for Soviet personnel.

No authoritative explanation for the order was available, but some observers believed it followed Col-Gen Kurassov's order warning against pitfalls of fraternization with Germans and exposure to temptations of bourgeois morals.

The American-licensed newspaper, Tagesspiegel, reported German civilians were evacuating dozens of buildings in Berlin's Soviet sector to make way for new compounds where Soviet civilians will be concentrated.

Democratic League And Wedemeyer

Nanking, July 30. Four leading members of the Democratic League, which was recently accused by the government of being the "Communist tail," conferred with Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer yesterday and told him that the United States should withhold all aid to China until peace is firmly established.

Gen. Wedemeyer questioned them on the reasons for the failure of agreements reached during the Marshall mediation period and regarding the war situation chances of both sides. Leaders of the League said that if American aid was given before peace, it would go into the civil war.

Gen. Wedemeyer relaxed his busy schedule this evening by hunting with friends on the Yangtze.—United Press.

CIGS REGRETS

The CIGS will not now be visiting Hong Kong. This information has been received by the GOC with a special message from the CIGS to His Excellency The Governor, expressing his regret at having to cancel a visit which he had been looking forward to with such pleasure.

POP

WERE ALL CAST IN THE SAME MOLD?

Accused In Court On Stretcher

Victor John Brown, 25, 45 Commando, was committed for trial by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence on a pathway off Austin Road, near Gun Club Hill Barracks, on May 22 when Leung Kim-sheung was robbed of a watch, a fountain pen, a pencil, and \$63 in cash.

His co-defendant, James Andrew Miller, 26, also of 45 Commando, was discharged on the ground of insufficient evidence.

"I have to warn you, however," said Mr. Latimer, "that you are discharged and not acquitted and that you cannot plead, in case further evidence could be produced, that you have been acquitted on the charge."

Brown, who appeared in Court on a stretcher, was alleged by DS1 J. M. Forrest to have been one of two men who followed Leung down Austin Road at about 6.45 p.m. on May 22, and to have robbed and assaulted him.

Coat Over Head
Leung was set upon by two Europeans in white open-neck shirts and dark blue trousers as he was on his way back to the barracks. One man threw a coat over his head, robbed him of the articles mentioned, and threw him to the ground.

When he heard one of them say, "Get away quickly," Leung got up and saw both men running down the path towards Austin Road. He chased them but lost sight of them in Nathan Road. He returned to the barracks where he made a report, and, later in the evening, reported to the Police.

DS1 W. G. Morrison went to the scene of the robbery and found signs of a struggle. He also found a handkerchief and some personal papers, said DS1 Forrest.

Concussed
Leung was sent to Kowloon Hospital suffering from concussion and was detained for two days. He furnished a description of the two men which tallied with a description supplied by the Military Authorities of two absentees.

He passed on the description supplied by Leung to the Military Authorities on May 24 and Brown and Miller were detained. On May 26, an identification parade was held at Whitefield Barracks when it was alleged, Brown was identified by Leung.

Dr. Au Wal-man, who examined Leung on May 22, said he found bruises over the right eye, the forehead and behind the left ear. There was a soresome of the scalp over the left occipital region, said witness.

Britons Too Utilitarian

London, July 29. The Swiss are embarrassed by British tourists who spend the greater part of their \$75 foreign exchange allowance in Swiss shops, and talks started at the Treasury here today to find means of curbing this trend.

Britain has an understanding with Switzerland that British tourists will be allowed to spend about \$4,500,000 in Switzerland this year.

British tourists, however, who are under severe rationing restrictions at home, find that the most attractive visits in Switzerland is provided by the well-stocked shops, and many of them spend their allotment in two or three days, and go home happy.

Consequently, the shops are flooded with stocks and the hotels and restaurants are not getting their expected share of the tourist money.—Reuters.

CHOLERA MENACE

Pleading guilty to a breach of the Cholera Regulations, Yuen Foon and Chan Hang were each fined \$100 or three months' hard labour by Mr. Conklin at Central yesterday.

Inspector Dewar, prosecuting, said that defendants were selling non-sterilized water with orange juice and sliced orange, together with raw ice.

British Protest To Soviet

LONDON, JULY 29. BRITAIN HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE ALLEGED PREMATURE COLLECTION OF GERMAN ASSETS FROM HUNGARY AS A FORM OF REPARATION PAYMENT, THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

The British view was outlined in a note presented to the Soviet Government by the British Ambassador, Sir Maurice Peterson.

Though the arrangement concluded between the Big Three powers in the 1945 Potsdam Conference, by which the Soviet Union was to get as reparations all German assets in Hungary, was confirmed in the Hungarian peace treaty, the British Government considered that these assets should not be collected before the Hungarian treaty came into force.

The United States authorities were understood to be making a similar move in Moscow.—Reuters.

An Italian Apologia To Russia

Rome, July 29. A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, informed the Soviet Ambassador, Mikhail Kostylev, in Sunday's conference that the government's desire to ratify the peace treaty and its participation in the Marshall Plan conference "had no anti-Soviet significance."

Refuting Italian press comments that Mr. Kostylev had expressed Russia's disapproval of Italy's action, the spokesman said that no such question arose. Mr. Kostylev visited Count Sforza on the Foreign Minister's invitation, the spokesman said, "because the Minister had not seen the Ambassador since his return from Paris."—United Press.

For keeping an opium den at No. 13 Main Street, 1st floor, Wang Sze, 40, widow, when charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday was fined \$750 or two months.

Togliatti Toes the Line

Rome, July 29. The Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, denounced Italian foreign policy as anti-Soviet tonight and said that Italy's cooperation with the Western powers was a "bad mistake because a decided break between the East and the West is clearly outlined."

In a two-hour oration, the leader of 2,200,000 Communists warned the government "to choose a new road before the fracture occurs."

Speaking against ratification of the peace treaty in the National Assembly, Togliatti termed Italy's participation in the Marshall plan conference as an error and demanded that Italy remain free of either bloc and "oppose with all our force any policy which aims at the isolation of the Soviet Union."—United Press.

DECORATIONS

All Ladies and Gentlemen resident in Hong Kong (except serving Members of His Majesty's Forces) who have had any decoration conferred on them are asked to notify the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, not later than Tuesday, August 12, 1947, stating the year in which the decoration was conferred.

G.M.H. ARREST

Found inside the compound of the Military Hospital, and to be in breach of a deportation order, Yu Sheng, alias Wong Sing, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector Brownlie, said defendant, with another man not in custody, was found inside the compound of the Military Hospital, where there had been a number of larcenies lately.

Soviet Veto Kills Balkan Plan

Russia today, killed with her veto an American proposal to establish a 11-nation border watch commission in the Balkans. M. Andrei Gromyko calmly raised his hand to defeat the resolution after abstaining throughout 10 preliminary paragraph by paragraph ballots.

It was the 11th time in United Nations history that Russia has invoked the big power veto. The final vote was 9 to 2 with Poland joining Russia in opposition.

Herschel V. Johnson, deputy American delegate, said the Soviet veto created a "grave situation" and called for immediate adjournment of the Council to allow delegates to consult their home governments.

Johnson told newsmen that his government "does not intend to let it go by default." He added: "The action Russia has taken is simple abuse of power, a simple abuse of the veto. In this case it is contrary to the understanding among the Big Five on the use of the veto at the time the United Nations charter was framed in San Francisco."

"The Balkan situation has not been wiped out by the veto," he said.—Associated Press.

U.S. Huddle

Washington, July 29. State Department officials went into conference immediately after learning of Gromyko's veto action. They presumably discussed the situation with an eye toward recommendations which would be submitted to General Marshall, probably tomorrow, on the United States' next steps regarding the Balkans.—United Press.

United Action

Lake Success, July 30. Great Britain and the United States were expected to reply in strong terms at tonight's meeting of the United Nations Security Council to Russia's veto yesterday on the proposed permanent Balkan border patrol.

The veto was regarded here as killing all hope of bringing immediate peace to the troubled Balkans, and today's New York Times, in an editorial, said it prevented the United Nations from carrying out the task for which it was created—safeguarding of international peace and security.

"Not only has Russia opened the way for further frontier violations, but she has served notice on the world that if they take place it will be with her consent and under her protection," the newspaper added.—Reuters.

DETECTIVE'S TRIAL

Acquitted On All Three Charges

"The accused is acquitted on all three charges," declared Mr. W. H. Latimer at the conclusion of his judgment, delivered at Kowloon yesterday, in the case in which Detective Chan Fu-lam was charged with demanding with menaces, on March 14, the sum of \$500 from Tsoi Lau, attempting to obtain a bribe of \$150 from the same complainant on the same day, and obtaining a bribe of \$150 from Tsoi Lau and Lo Tung on March 15.

The Court was again filled with defendant's colleagues and friends who flocked around him after the Court interpreter had interpreted the verdict.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones conducted the case for the defence, while Mr. Marcus da Silva (assisted by Det-Inspector W. N. Dinkin) prosecuted.

Mr. Latimer said: "Before proceeding to judgment I wish to compliment counsel in the manner in which this case has been conducted. The prosecution, though firm, was very fairly presented and the defence did not seek to cloud the issue, as might well have been done, by the introduction of evidence other than on those matters which were necessary to deal with the points at issue."

In his review of the case, His Worship stated that "the evidence given by both sides regarding the meeting on the evening of March 14 must be viewed with considerable suspicion in view of the lapse of time before any complaint was made."

Dereliction Of Duty

Regarding Chan's failure to report the alleged offer of a bribe to him by Tsoi at the Brothers' Cafe and the later arrest of Tsoi as a suspected returned banished, His Worship said that he considered "the first failure was a grave dereliction of duty for a detective and, while I can find no rule that the second failure to report is regarded as a departmental offence, it is in my opinion again a matter which should have been reported in the usual way to his superior officers in order that the Police force be kept advised of what is happening generally. These two facts throw doubt on the accused's actions, but not sufficient proof that this arrest was malicious or simply because the \$500 was not handed over."

Continuing, His Worship declared, "In this I feel the prosecution is making a case of apost hoc ergo propter hoc without sufficient nexus and I cannot accept that. It might just as well be argued, and in fact with equal force, that the arrest of the accused and the laying of a trap (from which he escaped) was the result of his arrest of Tsoi Lau."

"I must direct myself," said His Worship, in the words used by Viscount Sankey in Woolmington vs. The Director of Public Prosecution: "Throughout the web of the English Criminal Law one golden thread is always to be seen, and that is that it is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner's guilt. If at the end of, and on the whole of, the case there is a reasonable doubt created by the evidence given by either the prosecution or the prisoners, the prosecution has not made out the case and the prisoner is entitled to an acquittal."

"There is no proof of any menace. The only time there was any suggestion of force was at the time of the arrest for suspected banishment, and there is no suggestion that any money was mentioned at that time. What would have been a more propitious occasion?"

"Dealing with the third charge, that of substitution of the opium pipes, I feel that if I do not accept the word of three policemen that these pipes were not removed from the strong-room under Inspector MacMahon's control and taken to the Magistrate at about 9.30 a.m. on March 15, it would have the effect of throwing the entire Police force into grave discredit. And this I do not propose to do."

"I should also mention, in passing, that for a Police officer to endeavour to exchange three opium pipes openly in a restaurant at that hour of the morning, when most of such places are crowded in an action I can hardly consider as anything more than a practical impossibility, from any sense of security which such a transaction necessarily would require."

Fact Findings
"I find as a fact (1) with regard to the \$500, that there was an offer, but no demand on the part of the accused; (2) that there was never any demand with menaces for \$500; and (3)

that there was never a substitution of three inferior pipes for three good opium pipes on the morning of March 15, and consequently, that the \$150 for this alleged transaction was never paid.

"The accused is acquitted on all three charges."

Guerillas Outwit Greek Army

Yannina, July 29. Military observers today credited the guerilla forces with outwitting the Greek Army and nullifying the five-month campaign to trap them.

The reinforced Greek Army began to roll the bandits back last month with a wide-fronted push through Central Greece. The rebels were forced back to the Kastoria-Morina area with the border at their backs.

The rebels however arranged to cross into Yugoslavia, secure new arms and equipment and head toward the west coast. They moved along the Yugoslav-Albanian border until they came to the weakest section of the Greek-Albanian frontier, in the vicinity of Yannina.

The rebels then struck across the border, outflanking the Greeks, and headed south. They fought their first skirmish near Konitza, by passed Yannina and wheeled inland, heading for their original headquarters in Kozani leaving the army between them and the border.

The army was now forced to reverse itself and sweep south or begin the operation all over again from the south.

Military experts said the rebel attack on Gravina cost them heavy casualties, estimated at 500 out of a force of 2,000, but the attack was needed to gain food and loot before disappearing into the Kozani Mountains.—United Press.

SPITTING

Li Yat-ching, 32, was fined \$5 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for spitting on the first-class deck of the "Northern Star" at 7.20 a.m. yesterday.

M3

NEW ANTIMALARIAL REMEDY

M3 is a totally new and scientifically prepared compound of mercury, manganese and extract of spleen, following exhaustive investigations for malarial control at the state-controlled Italian Biochemical Institute under the direction of Prof. G. Lorenzini of the Royal University of Milan.

M3 is not a substitute for quinine or its synthetic derivatives, atabrin and plasmoquine, it is rather a new complement of these accepted medications and specifically attacks the hitherto unaffected sexual cycle of the malarial parasite's life to prevent relapses and recurrency.

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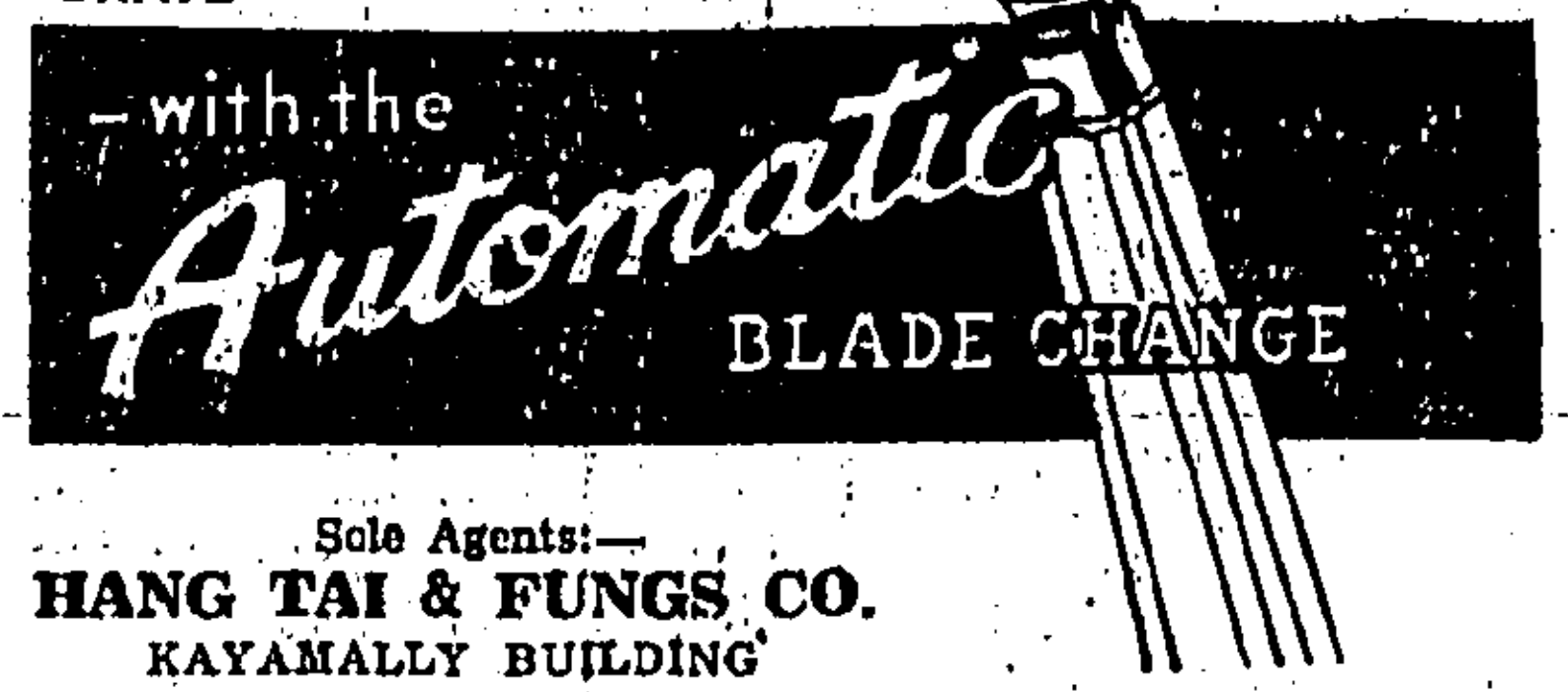
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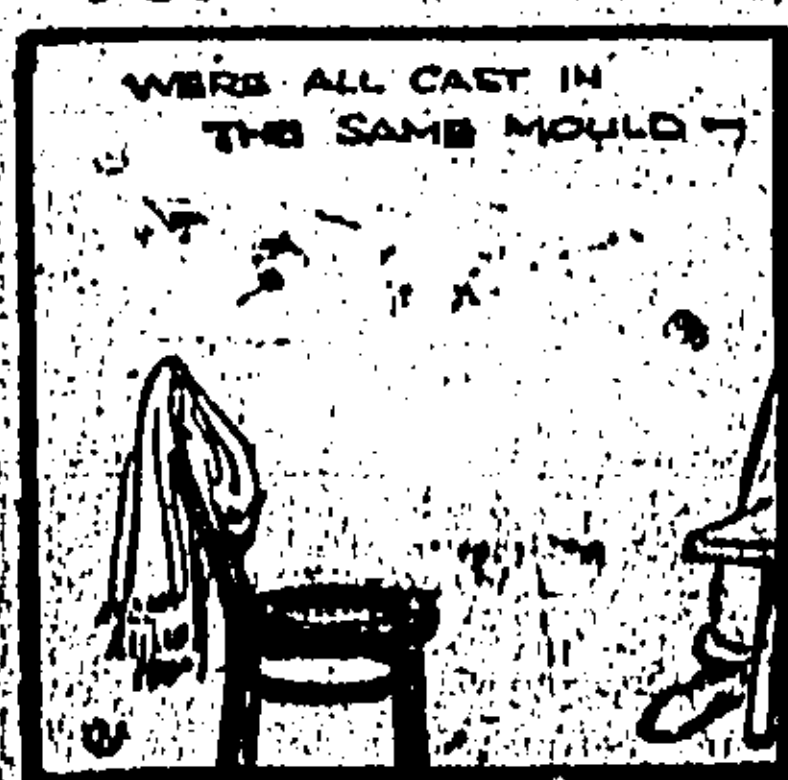
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday the 7th August, 1947, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th July, 1947, to the 7th August, 1947, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, 7th August, 1947, at 12.30 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following as Special Resolutions, viz:—

"(1) That the Authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$8,000,000.00 consisting of 160,000 shares of the nominal value of \$50.00 each, of which 90,000 shares have been issued), be increased to \$50,000,000.00 by the creation of \$40,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$50.00 each, and that such shares be issued at such a time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

"(2) That Article 19 of the Company's Articles of Association be cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

"19. Notwithstanding any of the provisions these Articles of Association no Shareholder shall without the sanction of the Directors be entitled at any time to be registered as the holder of more than one-tenth of the Capital of the Company issued for the time being. Provided nevertheless that the registration of a transfer of shares whereby the holding of any Shareholder is increased beyond the said amount shall be conclusive evidence that the sanction of the Directors to such increased holding has been given but shall not be evidence that the Directors have sanctioned any further increase by such Shareholder in his holding."

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that if the above resolution No. (1) is duly passed as a Special Resolution, it is the intention of the Board of Directors in accordance with the terms of the Special Resolutions passed on the 7th day of March, 1935, to offer as soon as possible after the 7th day of August, 1947, 70,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$50.00 each, being the present unissued Capital of the Company, together with an additional 20,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$50.00 each in accordance with the terms of the above Resolution, making a total of 90,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$50.00 each, to the persons who on the 7th day of August, 1947, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 90,000 issued shares in the Capital of the Company, in the proportion of one new share for each share held by them respectively, at a premium of \$50.00 per share, and to propose the following further Special Resolution:—

"(3) That the aforesaid 90,000 new shares shall be issued subject to the following conditions:—

"(i) The amount due for such new shares shall be payable as follows:—

"(a) On acceptance of the offer—\$50.00 per share, being half the nominal value of \$50.00 per share plus half the premium of \$50.00 per share; and

"(b) On the 30th June, 1948.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of \$2.0.0. per share (net after deduction of Hong Kong Corporation Profits Tax) has been declared in respect of the year ending 31st December 1947, at a rate of 1/2 27/32d. per Dollar.

THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after MONDAY 11th August at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY 28th July to SATURDAY 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager

BY ORDER OF THE LIQUIDATOR

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(ii) Subject to payments being made on the due dates, such new shares shall rank as partly paid shares from 1st January, 1948, and as fully paid shares from 1st July, 1948, participating in dividend for the period 1st January, 1948, to 31st June 1948, to the extent of one quarter, and for the period 1st July, 1948, to 31st December, 1948, to the extent of one half the amount declared for existing shares in respect of the year 1948, and thereafter ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company.

(iii) That where the shareholder so desires, the full sum of \$100.00 per share may be paid up on acceptance of the offer, and in such event, any shares on which the full sum shall have been paid up shall rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company as from 1st January, 1948.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by post to each shareholder, specifying the number of shares to which the shareholder is entitled, and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such shareholder or his nominee on or before 31st December, 1947, will be deemed to be declined.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

NORTHCOTE TRAINING COLLEGE

Applicants for admission to the above Teachers' Training College, are hereby notified that the ENTRANCE EXAMINATION will be held at the College on 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st August, commencing at 9 a.m. daily.

There will be 50 vacancies on the Vernacular side; and 25 on the English side. Students entering on the English side will be required to have reached a standard comparable to Matriculation.

Tuition is free, and a subsistence allowance is paid.

The date of returning completed application forms, obtainable from the undersigned, is now extended to Saturday, 9th August, 1947.

W. J. DYER,
Principal,
Northcote Training College,
Benham Road, Hong Kong.

Dated: 28th July, 1947.

URBAN COUNCIL NOTIFICATION

QUARRY BAY MARKET

It is hereby notified that the Quarry Bay Market has been rehabilitated and that the stalls will be re-allotted to pre-war lessees if claimed on or before 14th August, 1947.

Pre-war lessees must appear in person and produce all previous documents in connection with the lease of their stalls to the URBAN COUNCIL OFFICE, Post Office Building, Top Floor, Hong Kong, not later than 14th August, 1947, otherwise the unclaimed stalls will be let to new tenderers.

R. W. J. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.
Dated: 30th July, 1947.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

Will all Ladies and Gentlemen resident in Hong Kong (except serving Members of His Majesty's Forces) who have had any decoration conferred on them please notify the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat, not later than Tuesday, 12th Aug. 1947, stating the year in which the decoration was conferred.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, 30th July, 1947.

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Notice to Members

Double Tenth Race Meeting, October 1947.

Tickets (at \$2.00 each) for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Kwangtung Handicap" which will be run at the above Meeting can be obtained at the office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, and also at the Branch Office in Nathan Road, Kowloon—over 50,000 Tickets sold to date.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

NOTICE

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

In order to make adequate catering arrangements it is essential that all MEMBERS who plan to attend the club dance, Saturday, 2nd August, notify the Hon. Secretary.

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Occupation Murder Case Recalled At Trial

Communists Tighten Grip

Bucharest, July 29.

The Rumanian Cabinet today dissolved the opposition National Peasant Party and the Parliament ratified the Cabinet decision by a vote of 294 to one.

The dissolution will go into effect tomorrow when the decree is published in the official Gazette whereupon all party headquarters will be sealed. Files taken over by the Rumanian authorities and the party's administrative apparatus liquidated.

It is reliably reported that Julius Maniu, President of the dissolved party, was removed today from his nephew's home where he was held incommunicado "under examination" and placed under formal arrest in jail.

The Minister of the Interior, Teohari Georgescu, in a statement to Parliament, accused Maniu of having "directed the Party's efforts in action meant to diminish national sovereignty, to endanger peace and to start a civil war."

Georgescu charged that during the November (1946) elections, the Peasant Party "tried to foment riots, murders and all sorts of mischief in order to prevent a free expression of the people's will and to create a pretext for foreign intervention."—United Press.

U.S. War Chiefs Meet

Washington, July 30.

The Navy's top expert on atomic bombs, Admiral William H. P. Bland, participated on Tuesday at a secret top level Army and Navy conference, leading to unofficial speculation that he may direct some new A-bomb tests. There was no confirmation.

James V. Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, who soon is to take the oath as the Nation's first Secretary of Defence, refused to discuss the purpose with reporters. Secretary of War Kenneth Royall delayed a trip to Germany in order to attend. Also present was Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to President Harry Truman.—Associated Press.

Polio Outbreak In Japan

Yokohama, July 29.

Twenty-eight poliomyelitis cases, of which nine were of a mild non-paralytic type, but three resulting fatally, have been reported this year among the occupation forces, largely around the Yokohama and Tokyo areas.

Announcing this, the Eighth Army headquarters said that as a precaution the children's wading pool at Yokohama has now been closed.

Army hospitals are using every modern resource to combat the disease, including the Kenney method, and GHQ specialists have set up a special ward in the 351st station hospital to handle all victims.

The health authorities are redoubling efforts and sanitary precautions to protect GIs.—United Press.

Just In Case Measures

Washington, July 29.

War Department officials said today that routine plans have been drawn up for the evacuation of Americans from China and Korea in the event of a crisis.

They emphasized that the plans are part of the standard procedure for the protection of American nationals abroad, and insisted this did not mean they expect to have to take emergency action.

The General Staff is confident American troops can maintain order and protect American nationals in China.

Army sources anticipate trouble in South Korea but this will come from the rebellious movement of extremists. Rightists rather than Leftists.—United Press.

The trial of four Japanese Gendarmes before No. 7 War Crimes Court, which was terminated abruptly on July 22, when the then defence counsel, Mr. Murata Kichii, asked for permission to retire from the case, was resumed yesterday, with a new defending counsel.

At the hearing on July 21, Captain Ushiyama Yukio, first accused, alleged that much he had wished to say had been left out in his examination-in-chief. He therefore asked the Court whether it was permissible to have a change of counsel.

The President told Ushiyama the trust placed in him. All his chief subordinates were of the same calibre as Ishiyama. As time went on, these subordinates did show signs of deteriorating, but he cautioned them and gave them advice.

When the Court sat on July 22, Mr. Murata applied for permission to withdraw from the case on the ground that he felt it very essential that the defending counsel should have the confidence of the accused.

At the outset of yesterday's hearing, the President informed the accused that permission had been granted for Mr. Tanaka Yutaka to take over the duties of defending counsel.

Ushiyama apologized to the Court for the trouble which he and the other accused had caused and expressed gratitude over the fact that their application for a change of counsel had been granted.

Ushiyama, together with Sgts. Major Ishiyama Kaku, Morino Sakuzo and Matsuyama Hiroshi are jointly charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of persons in custody at the Western District Gendarmes Headquarters between Dec. 30, 1941, and Feb. 17, 1943.

Deterioration

In answer to questions put to him by his newly appointed Counsel, Ushiyama said that the Kempeitai, Auxiliary Kempeitai and Police Force deteriorated gradually with the passing of time. In the face of ever increasing prices of commodities and owing to the difficulties encountered in supporting their respective families, they neglected their duties, although it was undoubtedly their intention to work industriously.

Ushiyama said that in an effort to alleviate the hardships which members of the Police Force were suffering, he opened a Canteen, where different commodities were sold at half the price prevailing in the open market. Ushiyama said he had great difficulty in securing these commodities. As a further step towards relieving the situation, he was also instrumental in obtaining employment for family members.

Ushiyama said that a bomb which was dropped by an American base plane in the compound of the Central Police Station on Jan. 16, 1945, did not explode and he consequently believed it to be still in the earth where he saw it last.

Ushiyama declared that ablation facilities were provided at Central Police Station for the benefit of prisoners and that two or three prisoners were allowed to have a bath at one time. Prisoners were also permitted to wash their clothes at the same time as they had a bath.

Murder Case

Ushiyama said that apart from handing bribery cases, Ishiyama also dealt with the robbery case at the Shanghai Commercial Bank as well as the murder case in which the wife of Sir Shouson Chow, a well-known Chinese resident, was murdered. Ishiyama also effected the arrest of certain Chinese who were engaged in the selling and eating of human flesh.

Ushiyama asserted that both Ishiyama and Morino adopted a kind and just attitude towards suspects during interrogations.

Matsuyama was also kind and gave both cigarettes and cakes to suspects while they were being interrogated. Ushiyama said he praised Matsuyama for being kind to suspects.

Cross-examined, Ushiyama said that he trusted Ishiyama and was sure that the latter did not abuse

Max Planck

London, July 29.

Professor Max Planck, 89-year-old German atomic physicist and Nobel Prize winner, is at liberty in the British Zone of Germany, and has not been sentenced by a German denationalization court.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in Parliament today.

He was replying to a question from a Member of the House of Commons about reports that the scientist, who was "his friend," was "in a labour camp."—Reuter.

Jewish Immigrants Set Riddle

Port Du Bouc, July 29.

Refusal of the 4,500 immigrants on board the three British ships off this port to land in France has created a problem that will have to be solved at cabinet level. Mr. S. E. Kay, the British Consul-General in Marseilles, said here tonight.

The refugees, from the ship President Warfield, were sent back to France after they had tried unsuccessfully to land in Palestine last week.

Mr. Kay, who visited the transports with M. Colver, the Secretary General of the Bouches Du Rhone Department, said that if the refugees continued to sit tight the problem would be "exclusively British."

M. Colver brought the immigrants an official invitation from the French Government to land in France.

On the first ship which he visited, the Ocean Vigour, a Jewish spokesman replied:

"Tell France we are grateful, but we are former members of the resistance who fought Germany and want to go to Palestine. We shall not land here alive."

M. Colver said the immigrants had at least enough air and space to move about.

The Press Attache to the British Consulate in Marseilles said the refugees had also refused an offer have the sick taken ashore.—Reuter.

Drastic Measures In Palestine

Jersusalem, July 29.

Powers enabling the British Army to destroy houses used by terrorists in their attacks on security forces are announced in a decree today.

Such measures were used against the Arab revolt of 1936 to 1939, but this is the first time that they have been used in the present terrorist wave.

British troops were today warned that the Irgun Zvai Leumi group might attempt to kidnap a British soldier to join Sargeant Mervyn Palco and Clifford Martin.

The three terrorists—sentenced to death for their part in the gaol break at Acre last May—were executed at Acre today and later buried in Safad, in northern Palestine.

Irgun Zvai Leumi members tonight toured shops, cafes and cinemas in Tel-Aviv ordering owner to close their premises immediately as a "mark of respect" for the three terrorists executed.

Most owners obeyed under threat of physical violence.—Reuter.

And Who's Face Is Red

London, July 30.

Despite Britain's economic crisis and newsprint shortage at least one phase of life moves along normally—letters to "The Times."

The paper found space in its scrawny editorial page for a letter from S. Knowles who wrote: "At Waterloo I saw red narrow crates labelled 'live lobsters.' How long these creatures had been nailed up and how long they would remain so I do not know but this seems to me a barbarous and deplorable practice."—United Press.

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LABOUR CABINET CRISIS

Differences Over Policy In Economic Tangle

Slash In Armed Forces Possible

London, July 29. The official announcement on the eve of the "crisis meeting" of the Parliamentary Labour Party that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, has cancelled his visit to Japan and is hurrying home from New Zealand, is linked with reports that a slashing of Britain's armed forces may be forced on the Government.

While the War Office merely gave "pressure of business in London" as the reason, the sudden decision has placed in the spotlight the major problem confronting the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee—the growing demand for drastic steps to alleviate the manpower shortage, which is threatening a renewal of the winter crisis that crippled industrial production earlier this year.

As discussions among high-ranking Ministers of the Government continue, the Labour Party rank and file were seething with rumours of impending Cabinet reshuffles involving the Prime Minister's own position as well as that of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is Britain's chief Planning Minister.

One rumour among the Leftist members was that the Right-wingers would formally move that Mr. Attlee should resign the leadership and hand over to Mr. Bevin.

Another claimed that the personal attack on Mr. Attlee's leadership in the pro-Government mass-circulation Daily Mirror had been inspired by Mr. Morrison.

Subsequent reports are not inclined to take these reports seriously, but they agree in regarding them as much more significant than the last wave of reshuffle reports in the spring.

Behind the welter of conflicting information, there are two certain facts. One is that, owing to the dollar crisis, the present Government is confronted with the need of making up its mind quickly on a number of decisive issues which it has so far shelved.

The other is that, under this pressure, differences within the Cabinet, which have so far prevented a decision, have become a copious subject of discussion among the Government's Parliamentary supporters.

"Food Before Forces"

Belief among the Party's solid trade union following that a big

cut in the armed forces is the only way to alleviate the dollar crisis sufficiently quickly to avert a drastic reduction of the people's standard of living has hardened in recent weeks under the slogans "Food before Forces" and "Rather a prosperous Sweden than a bankrupt Great Power."

These demands are being supported increasingly by most of the Ministers concerned with economic policy, including, it is believed, Mr. Morrison, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, and Mr. George Isaacs, as well as by outspoken Left-wingers in the Cabinet, such as Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, and Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Minister of Fuel and Power, but they have so far been steadfastly opposed by the Prime Minister as incompatible with the discharging of Britain's responsibilities in the post-war world.

A second issue—methods to achieve a better distribution of British manpower at home—is probably nearer an agreed solution. The Cabinet will have to prevent its proposals to a meeting of the National Joint Advisory Council of Trade Union leaders and employers' representatives on August 6, and is certain to stick to a policy of differential advantages for the undermanned industries.

More Austerity

A third issue is created by the campaign for cutting down Government expenditure for social services, food subsidies and housing, waged for some time now in independent papers like "The Times," on the ground that only a reduction of purchasing power can achieve the necessary contraction of imports without a threat of internal inflation.

This is firmly rejected by the majority of the Cabinet, not only for political and social reasons, but also as unlikely to have the desired economic effect in a situation where large numbers of people could fall back on savings to avoid a cut in their expenditure.

It would, most Ministers believe, exasperate the workers and discourage the production effort without really reducing the demand for imports.

Sir Stafford Cripps, however, is credited with being in sympathy for such proposals as part of a general programme of confronting the nation with sacrifices which he believes to be inevitable.

A fourth issue concerns the future of the Government's nationalisation programme. The nationalisation of the iron and steel industries in Britain has been thrown into the melting pot again by the pressure of a section of opinion which urges that the risk of obstruction by the leaders of one of Britain's most crucial industries should not be run in the present emergency.

Token Bill

Persistent reports credit Mr. Morrison with the initiative in

RUSSIAN INVASION

Berlin, July 29. The newspaper "Die Welt" (The World) reported today that a sudden invasion of Russian cigarettes crashed the American cigarette black market driving the price from 7½ marks to 3½ marks per cigarette. Butter and coffee likewise declined.—United Press.

Bail In Warbride Murder Case

Crestview, Florida, July 30. British warbride, Mrs. Margaret Irene Poland, was on Tuesday at liberty for the first time since her arrest last week for the shooting of her husband.

Shortly after a formal charge of murder was filed against her on Monday night, her bail was met and the 21-year-old Manx woman was released pending consideration of the charge by the Grand Jury on August 26.

The bond standing security for Mrs. Poland's bail was signed by two men, Tom Brooks, owner of summer cottages at Fort Walton holiday resort, and Oscar Bengston, a police constable.—Associated Press.

PURELY PERSONAL

New York, July 29. John Boettiger, publisher in Phoenix, Arizona, and his wife, Anna, daughter of the late President, departed for Oslo, today, aboard a Scandinavian Airlines plane.

They said at LaGuardia Field that they were going purely on personal business and said they did not know how long they would remain in Norway.—United Press.

STATUS REGAINED

San Francisco, July 30. The wife of the British Consul at San Francisco, Mrs. A. J. De La More, has just regained her American citizenship. She lost it because she voted in the British general election in 1945.

That's the law for Americans—no voting in foreign elections.—Associated Press.

discussions with leaders of the British steel industry, to whom he is said to have suggested that the Government might be content with a mere "enabling bill" under which it would nationalise only steel undertakings which proved inefficient.

Behind these issues there stands the shadow of "coalition"—the hope of Conservatives and the fear of Labour supporters that the Government may, under a similar threat of crisis, abandon its programme and share power with the Conservatives as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald did in 1931.

But such an outcome is improbable today, when Labour has a safe Parliamentary majority. It is more likely that the Labour leaders will seek, at all costs, to settle their differences in their own circle. Their prospects of so doing depend most of all on the first issue—the cuts in the armed forces.—Reuter.

Families Fly To New Zealand

Auckland, July 30. Three Glasgow families arrived by American aircraft on Tuesday to make their homes in the Dominion.

The party of 14 members paid \$3,000 to make the 14,000 mile journey from Britain by air in five days instead of waiting indefinitely for sea passage.

They are Major and Mrs. John Mackenzie, with their 16 year old daughter; Mr. and Mrs. James Stoddart with their three children and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hodge with their 10 year old son.

Accompanying them were Miss Agnes Mackenzie, a retired school mistress, and Mrs. Christina Mackenzie, 28, sister and another of Major Mackenzie, and Mrs. Helen Stoddart, 84, mother of Stoddart.—Associated Press.

Beauty Parlour Explosion

Harrisonburg, Virginia, July 29.

An explosion in a downtown beauty parlour rocked the town today and at least two persons were reported to have been killed and 60 injured.

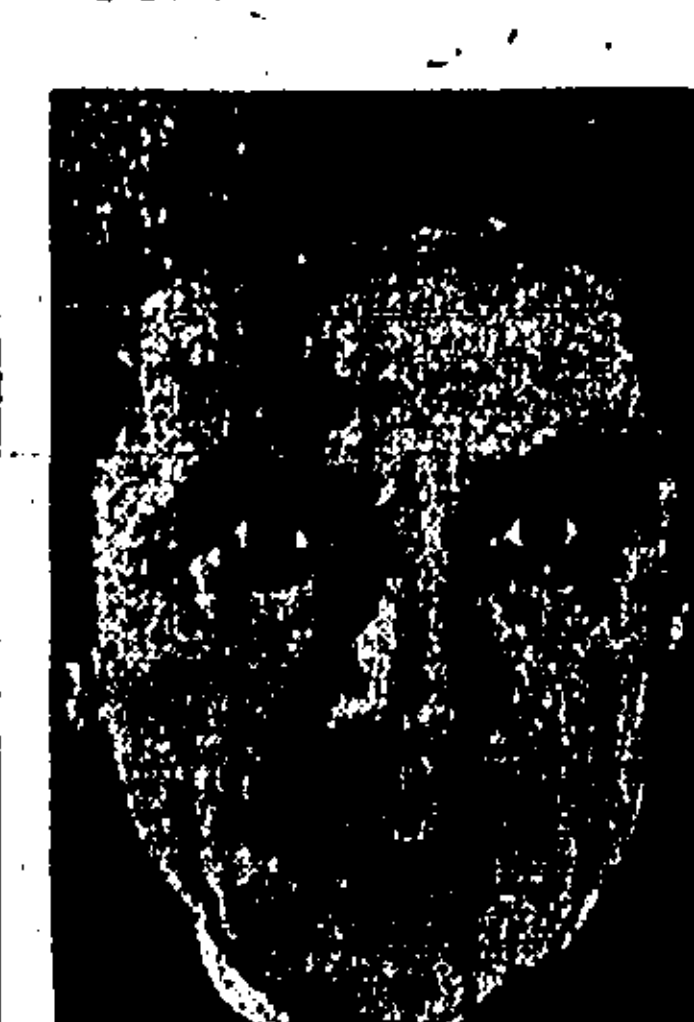
The blast demolished the beauty parlour and wrecked part of an adjoining jewellery store and another business house.

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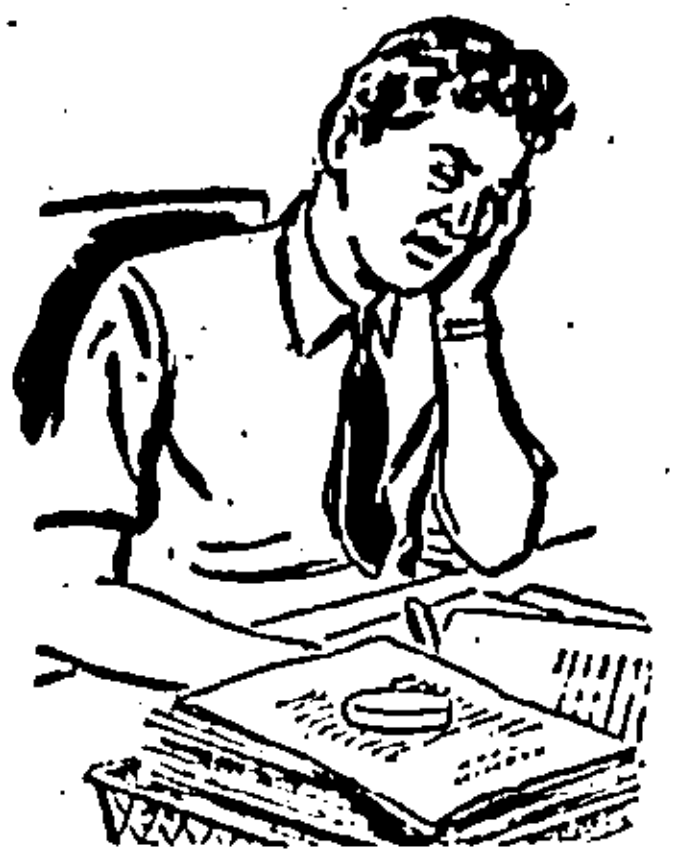
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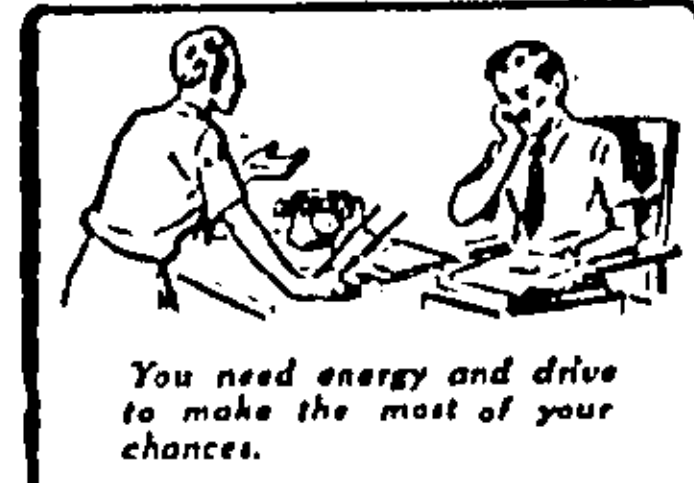
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BOLDLY BUT NOT RASHLY Mr. Creech Jones On Advances In Colonies Transfer Of Power To Peoples

London, July 29.
British colonies in the Pacific and Ceylon were the subject of debate in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, emphasised that the Government's policy was to associate the colonial people more closely with the Government.

Malaya was the first colony dealt with in the debate. Mr. Creech Jones said that the conclusions reached with Malaya and non-Malaya about the future constitution of Malaya achieved the Government's main policy of establishing in Malaya a strong central government and securing a basis of common citizenship among all the races which have made Malaya their homeland and centre of their loyalty.

He paid tribute to the Governor General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, to Sir Edward Gent, the Governor of Malaya, to Sir Harold MacMichael, one of the pioneers of a new Malaya constitution, for the services they had rendered in bringing about this happy result.

"At the same time, we would like to express our deep appreciation of the spirit brought to this task by the Malayan communities," he added.

Singapore would also have a new constitution which would come into operation either at the beginning of the year, but not later than the first of April.

Singapore's Position
If, at any time after the inauguration of the new constitution, the Government of the Federation or of Singapore wished to press that Singapore join the Federation, it would be wholly free to do so and to request formal consideration of the subject.

It was a matter for settlement between the peoples of Malaya and Singapore. No decision could be taken without the consent of both legislatures.

In Sarawak, the administration was steadily winning the confidence of the people and was giving attention to health and education problems. Steps were now being taken to associate the people more closely with the Government and new local Government institutions were being created.

"We have to experiment boldly, though not necessarily rashly, and recognise that while the transfer of power to a people not fully trained or with inadequate experience or tradition to exercise it will lead to mistakes being made, it is only through actual experience in the exercise of responsibility that a



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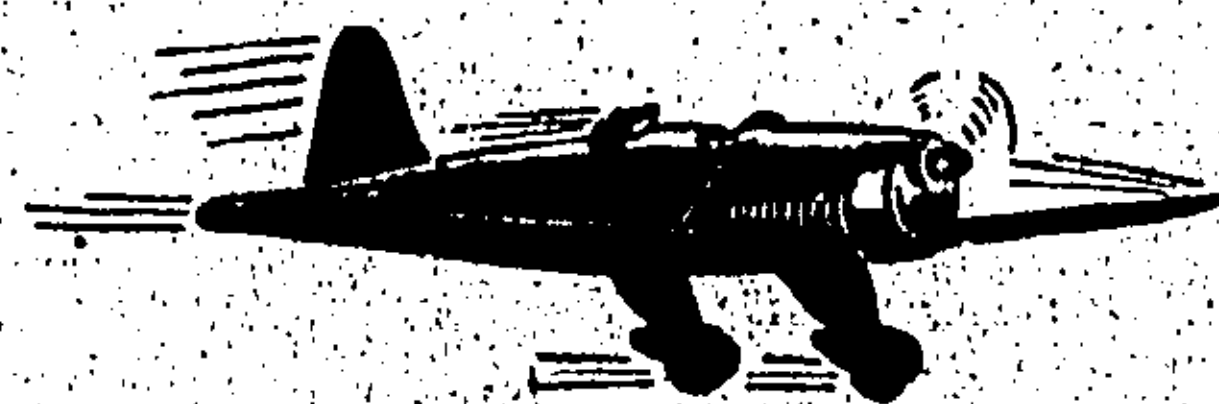
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APPEAL TO UNO

The Hague, July 29.
As India's reference to the Indonesian situation to the UNO was awaited today, a Dutch Foreign Office spokesman said that his Government "has no reason to oppose" the move to bring the conflict before the Security Council. The spokesman added that Holland had no confirmation yet that India had asked the Security Council to consider the matter.—Reuter.

people can acquire a sense of duty and service.

"The process may be a painful one, but the alternative of an increasing bitterness and tension in the relations of the people to the Government would be disastrous."

Ceylon's Status

Mr. Stanley Oliver, Conservative, and former Colonial Secretary, said that when Mr. Creech Jones made his announcement about Ceylon a few weeks ago, he (Stanley) had not found it easy to understand what was meant by the announcement, because in that announcement, the term Dominion Status was never used.

It had, however, been used by Mr. Creech Jones today. Under the previous constitution, which was going to be altered before ever being put into effect, defence and foreign relations were to be dealt with by legislation. Now he presumed they would be dealt with by treaty.

Had any progress been made in the treaty negotiations with the present Ceylon Ministers?

Dr. Haden Guest, Labour, spoke of his recent visit to Malaya. He congratulated the Colonial Secretary on the vigour of the new movement started in the Far East, but doubted the wisdom of sending to the colonies trade union advisers trained in the traditions of Great Britain, who had no knowledge of the language, psychology of the workers, or their problems.

To send such men to Malaya or Hong Kong, for instance, was to place them under a very great handicap. He suggested that selected candidates from the colonies should be sent to Britain to be trained in trade union practice.

"Very Expensive"

He said the administration in the Far East was good but very expensive. He wondered why it was necessary to have so many Governors in the area of Malaya and Singapore. Why should there not be for the whole of this area one Governor General with subordinate officials?

Dr. Haden Guest said that something like half of the Asiatic workers at Singapore dockyard suffered from tuberculosis following the war. Conditions for them were very bad because food was deficient and the cost of it very high.

He said that he found the wages of the native labourers

BREST DISASTER LATEST

BREST, JULY 29.
RESCUE PARTIES WERE TODAY STILL SEARCHING AMONG SMOULDERING RUINS OF THE GIANT EXPLOSION LAST NIGHT IN THE 7,000 TON NORWEGIAN NITRATE SHIP OCEAN LIBERTY.

Two-thirds of the painstakingly rebuilt parts of the war-damaged port were again uninhabitable.

This morning's official list of casualties gave 15 dead, but unofficial estimates said 20 had died. Five hundred were seriously wounded and several hundred slightly injured.

In addition to nitrates the ship carried furs and motorcars. Crates of furs and crates of Packard cars could be seen scattered along the quayside, and in the streets today.

The captain of the ship, Hervein-Holz, was killed on a small vessel patrolling around the Ocean Liberty while she was being tagged out to sea in an attempt to stave off the disaster.—Reuter.

had to be calculated according to the black market price of rice. Other points he made were that public health services in Singapore were very deficient.

In Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, housing was "shocking and abominable". A good many people were sleeping out of doors when he was last there.

Dr. Haden Guest said that to improve the constitutional status in Malaya, and other parts of the colonial Empire without drastically improving the economic conditions would be a very sorry pretence. He urged the calling of a great colonial conference in London.

Shop Windows

Mr. Rees Williams, Labour, who visited Malaya as a member of the Parliamentary Mission, said that the colonial territories were now as much a part of Britain as Scotland and Wales, and it was important to realise their value to British economy.

The food position in Malaya was serious and would give rise to trouble if the supply of rice was not dealt with very quickly.

The ration of rice in Malaya was one-third of the ration in Japan, and one-eighth of the ration in Burma.

Mr. Rees Williams asked what was being done about developing coal production in Sarawak and the west oilfields there. He suggested that Hong Kong and Singapore should be developed as shop windows of British democracy where the people of the Far East could be shown what Britain had to offer both in material goods and in spiritual development.—Reuter.

November Date For Royal Wedding

London, July 29.
Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten will be married in Westminster Abbey on November 18, the United Press was informed today by excellent Palace sources.

There will be no official announcement of the date until after the meeting of the Privy Council on Friday, but November 18 has been suggested by King George himself and there is no reason to doubt that the Council will confirm his wishes in the matter.

Previously, October had been most frequently mentioned as the wedding month because London's weather then is usually mild and would enhance the chances of the big outdoor celebrations, such as fireworks displays, certain to mark the event.

However, those in charge of arrangements feel they need another month for the comfortable arrival of delegations from the territories and Dominions and for the complicated planning that goes into an affair of this magnitude.

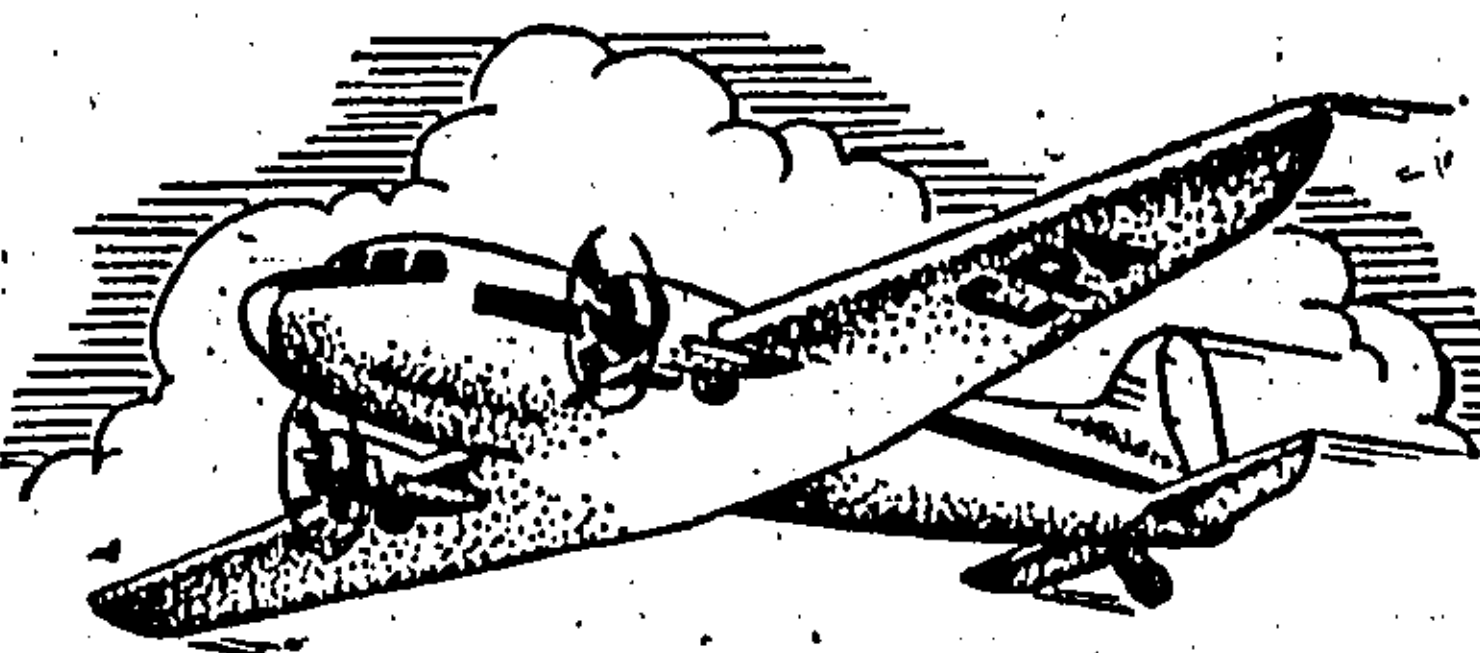
The choice of a Tuesday was regarded as a surprise. It was understood fears were felt that a mid-week wedding would seriously interfere with Britain's production, in which every shop is vital. In fact, the Cabinet was said to have suggested a Sunday wedding for this reason.

APPEAL LODGED

Birmingham, July 29.

A 56-year-old native of Assam, Abdul Jabbar, who was sentenced to death last Thursday, lodged an appeal today.

Abdul Jabbar was convicted of the murder of an Englishman, Alfred Wagstaff, who received 10 knife wounds in a street fight at Coventry on June 18.—Reuter.



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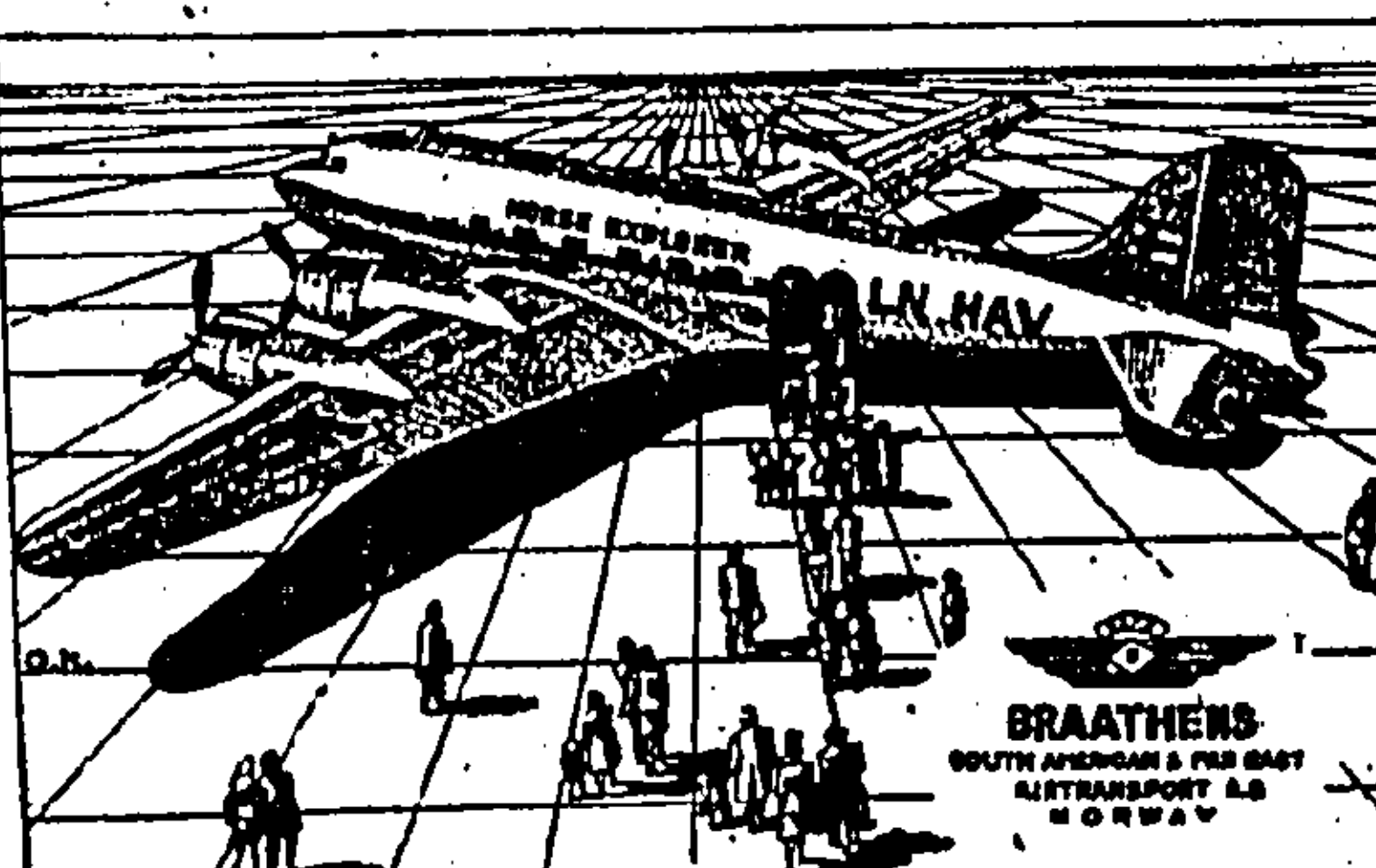
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War-time Device Has Peacetime Value

Even when King Haakon of Norway travels by road, he can remain in telephonic communication with his Ministers, for he has had his car fitted with a radio-telephone system. From the various makes available, a British firm was selected as supplier and instructed as well to fit Norwegian police cars with this radio-telephony. This system makes it possible to link a considerable number of mobile units with each other as well as with a fixed central point. The same system is in use too, for instance, in British ports to keep steam tugs in broken communication with their "operations room" and with each other. This system was originally constructed in World War II to keep tanks in communication with their command or aircraft with their land bases. The manufacturers were convinced that their war-time device would also be of service in peacetime and to that end continued with their designs. The next 20 years are expected to reveal the adoption of radio-telephony not only for shipping, but for other industries.

One of the leading engineers in American aeronautical circles, Mr. Philip Taylor, has visited a number of American, British and other European aircraft factories in order to judge for himself the various countries' productive efficiency. He has declared that Britain is three to four years in advance of the United States as regards the construction of jet-propelled aircraft and has added, "The British are at this time concentrating their full resources and efforts on the development of new aircraft... which will be superior to any present U.S. type." In less than three years, Britain will be putting jet-propelled passenger liners on the market with which no American machines will be able to compete. Air travel with these machines will be cheaper than at present, and faster since their speed will be 500 m.p.h. and there will be no noise nor vibration.

ENGINEERING PAGE

Plans Going Ahead For Hong Kong Engineering Society

A few weeks ago, mention was made on this page of the proposed formation of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong. Although the hot weather has somewhat delayed organization work, it is proceeding and it is hoped very shortly to call a small meeting of representative local engineers for the purpose of drawing up a draft constitution for submission to a wider meeting to be called later in the year.

While it is not intended slavishly to follow the constitution of the Engineering Society of China, it is thought that a constitution of this sort might usefully form a basis for discussion in drawing up the constitution of the new association. So far, it has not been possible to obtain from Shanghai a copy of the bye-laws of the Engineering Society of China and if any reader of this column has a copy in his possession, it will be appreciated if it could be loaned for the purpose of making a copy. If a copy is available, kindly send it to the Editor of the Engineering page of the China Mail.

The idea of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong had its inception in the series of talks on Engineering subjects organised by Mr. John Finnie in Stanley Camp which were carried on bi-weekly with hardly a break for some 3 years.

The wealth of local engineering talent and the number of able speakers on engineering subjects disclosed by these talks, led the sponsors to believe that, not only would a useful purpose be served by the formation of an Engineering Society, but that it would be possible to get enough local speakers on engineering subjects to maintain a permanent and lively interest in engineering subjects.

Primary Purpose

The old Institution of Engineers and Ship-Builders at one time made a regular feature of the presentation of papers on engineering subjects, but of latter years, this side of its activities was somewhat neglected and the institution became largely a social club and library. It is hoped that the new Society, by concentrating its activities on the presentation of papers of general and local engineering interest, will be able to keep this primary purpose in view. On the other hand, the suggestion made previously in

this page that teams of local engineers should collaborate in carrying out research into local problems will by no means be neglected. It is also hoped that close touch may be maintained with the engineering side of the Hong Kong University as well as with the Hong Kong Technical College, and that by

grave defects both of which will have to be eliminated before substantial progress can be made in the adaptation of atomic energy to peaceful purposes. Firstly, although tremendous amounts of heat energy are produced under controlled atomic fission, this energy is of a low grade, that is, at a low tem-

perature and unsuitable for transformation into mechanical or electrical energy by any present known technique. Secondly, the by-products of atomic fission are highly radioactive and dangerous to life; thus it is only possible at present to operate atomic plants by remote control from behind immensely thick shields of concrete, steel and lead.

Steam Raising

Research is progressing to overcome these defects and so far as the first is concerned, it is now thought that a suitable production plant can be designed that will release the energy at a sufficiently high temperature to enable it to be used for

steam raising and this steam, in turn, to be used in a conventional turbine. Estimates show that the cost per unit of electrical energy would be somewhat higher than energy produced by conventional methods but, at least, this promises that by the time natural sources of fuel such as coal and oil begin to be exhausted, we shall be able to build atomic power plants to take their place. The second difficulty, according to latest reports, shows little signs of being overcome and the necessity of huge masses of shielding material necessarily limit the application of atomic power to large stationary units in the nature of super power-stations. Possibilities, however, are the discovery of a method of releasing atomic energy without the production of dangerous radioactive by-products and secondly, the production of a new effective shielding material of greatly reduced bulk.

If civilisation does not destroy itself by the uncontrolled use of atomic power, we would appear to be the beginning of an era where-in mankind will have at its disposal, the unlimited energy locked up in the atom and he will be rash indeed who would deny the possibility of tremendous developments in the next decade.

By A Special Correspondent

enrolling students at these institutions as student members, interest in the new society may be maintained at all levels.

Atomic Power:—Many problems, some of them at first sight almost insuperable, will have to be solved before atomic power can be put to use as an effective substitute for other forms of energy. Man has learnt to release atomic energy but so far has not entirely mastered its control and in this respect, the stage of development can be likened to that reached by our stone age ancestors in the control of fire. At present, the production of atomic energy suffers from two

Experiments In Heating And Cooling The Home

It was no surprise to Mrs. R. W. Rose, pretty young wife of a veteran, to look up from her ironing the other day and see a flock of reporters and photographers walk through her kitchen.

Mrs. Rose is used to such visits. She lives in a new house which is attracting visitors from all parts of the United States and from distant lands, because of its unique character. It is the warm-air, research residence, first experimental house in the Small-House Research Center at the University of Illinois. Other research houses and a main building for laboratory, shops, and special facilities are planned for later construction in the Center.

Realistic Tests

Mrs. Rose lives in this house because the experts of the Small Homes Council of the University think it important that tests of domestic heating be made under normal living conditions as well as in the laboratory. They want to know how heating is affected by people running in and out of doors, by cooking, by opening bedroom windows at night. Inasmuch as Mr. Rose is the special research assistant on the project, it was logical that he and his wife should be chosen as the first occupants of the house.

Most brides would be glad, as Mrs. Rose is, to get such a trim modern house in these days of housing scarcity. But they might find it a bit trying to keep open house for visitors at all hours of the day and night as the Roses do. Then there are the thermocouples, 240 of them, with which the Roses have to live. Thermocouples, for those who aren't up on their engineering terms, are defined by Mr. Rose as "a standard temperature reporting device consisting of the soldered junction of two dissimilar metals." The current flow at the joint can be measured and this enables the observer to take temperature readings accurate to one tenth of a degree.

Slim Pipes

Thermocouples in this house are encased in slim pipes and placed in the middle of rooms or wherever the experts desire to get temperature readings. Mrs. Rose has had to learn to steer a course around them when she cooks a meal in her kitchen, when she sets the dinette table, and even when she walks from her bed to her bedroom closet. She doesn't mind. "You get used to thermocouple standards," she says. "But her company sometimes bump into them and muddle things about 'those poles'."

Mr. Rose watches over his thermocouples constantly. Four or five times a day he must take

readings of the temperatures inside and outside the houses, for it is from such readings that the experts will draw important conclusions about efficiency and cost of home heating. Fortunately for him, he doesn't have to make the rounds of the 240 thermocouples to find out the temperatures. In his clean, high-ceilinged basement there stands a central instrument panel, not far from Mrs. Rose's washing machine. Here the temperature at each of the 240 points can be read by merely flipping the right switch. Four miles of wire connect the tiny instruments to the master panel.

Many Readings

There are other readings to be taken here—humidity, barometric pressure, draft, fuel and electricity used, and length of operation of burner and blower. It keeps the Roses at home a good deal, although some of the records are made automatically. A continuous record of any 12 temperatures can be taken for a month at two-minute intervals by machine.

Findings here are expected to prove of value to the big mass of small home owners in the United States.

"If the ideas tested here prove successful as previous laboratory findings indicate they will be," says Mr. Rose, "they may point the way to lowered cost of home-heating installations."

The plan of testing heating devices in an inhabited dwelling is not a new one for the heating and ventilating industry. Twenty-three years ago the National Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association built the first heating-research house on the Illinois campus, in co-operation with the University. A 10-room structure, costing at the time of its erection \$25,000, this house was typical of its time, but is now far too big to be considered "average."

The new house is a compact 5 1/2 room home, the kind in popular demand today, and is therefore more suitable as a test house. However, much was learned from the older house, according to Prof. S. Koenig who directed the study there in recent years. This work will not have to be repeated. Studies now are of more modern developments, many of them already on the market, but not yet thoroughly tested for economy and efficiency.

The new small house has been built with a large amount of glass on the south exposure, and over-hanging eaves, to permit study of the advantages of supplementary solar heating. It has an eight-foot basement, to give opportunity for study of heating systems placed below the ground, and also a utility room which can be used to house a

heating plant for a test of first-floor heating.

Studies of panel heating will be made. To permit use of either floor or ceiling as heating panels, both have been built on open-web steel joists. Exterior panels of walls and ceilings are not nailed into place but screwed in, to facilitate changes in the heating system or in the wiring of research devices.

Modern Methods

A number of new ideas are being tried out in the basement. The chimney is a 10-inch molded asbestos tile which looks like an ordinary pipe. A new type of duct is used for carrying the hot air. It is of uniform size throughout, permitting use of standardized sizes in the take-offs. This is said to reduce cost. Made of aluminum to get around the steel shortages, the ducts present a neat appearance.

Wherever you go in the house you are likely to see innovation. For this house is a pilot plant. When Mrs. Rose cooks a dinner or does an ironing, she has the satisfaction of knowing that she is contributing to the ultimate comfort of middle-income families all over the nation by putting to practical test new heating developments. To judge by her smile and patience in showing the house, she enjoys her responsibility.

Good News For Home Builders

Good news for the home-planner is the arrival of stocks of British-made steel beds in Hong Kong. These beds were sold by Selfridge's of London, and come complete with spring mattresses. The design is simple, in keeping with modern room design, and yet the beds are solidly built, with a strong steel framework which can take years of hard usage. The feet are fitted with castors to permit easy moving, a boon in this hot weather, as the beds can be pushed out on to a verandah to catch any cool night air which might come along.

These beds are especially useful to schools, hostels, etc., as they are very sturdy, and their simplicity of design makes them easy to clean, as well as giving a restful air to a small room.

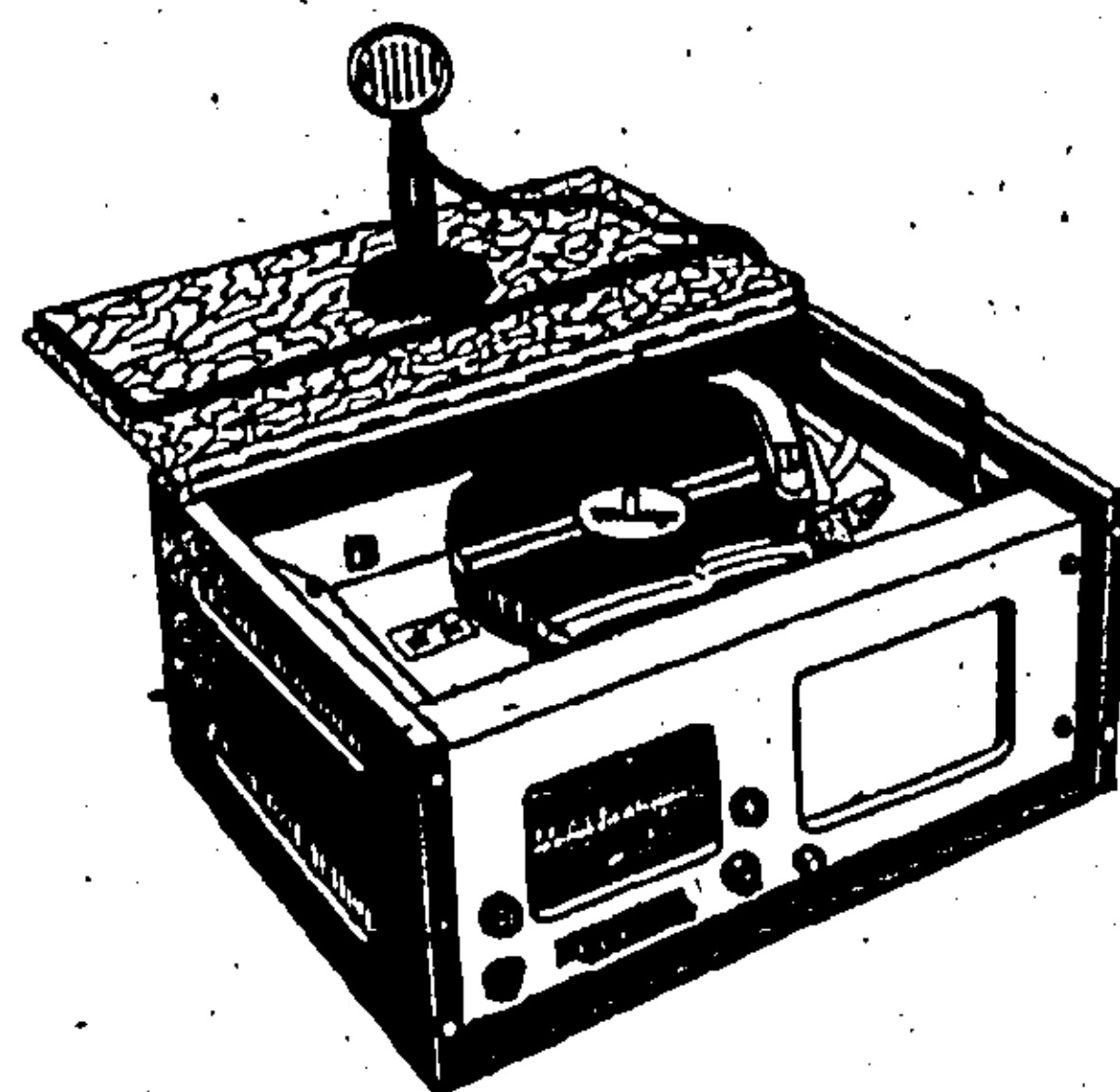
The mattresses are tightly sprung, and will take any amount of wear and tear without sagging or becoming loose at the ends. Stocks of these beds are now available and the price is very reasonable. They are supplied in two sizes, the wider size being 6'6" x 8'6" and the smaller 5'6" x 7'6". Agents: Messrs. Reiss, Bradley & Co., Ltd., of David House, further particulars can be obtained by ringing them at 2240.

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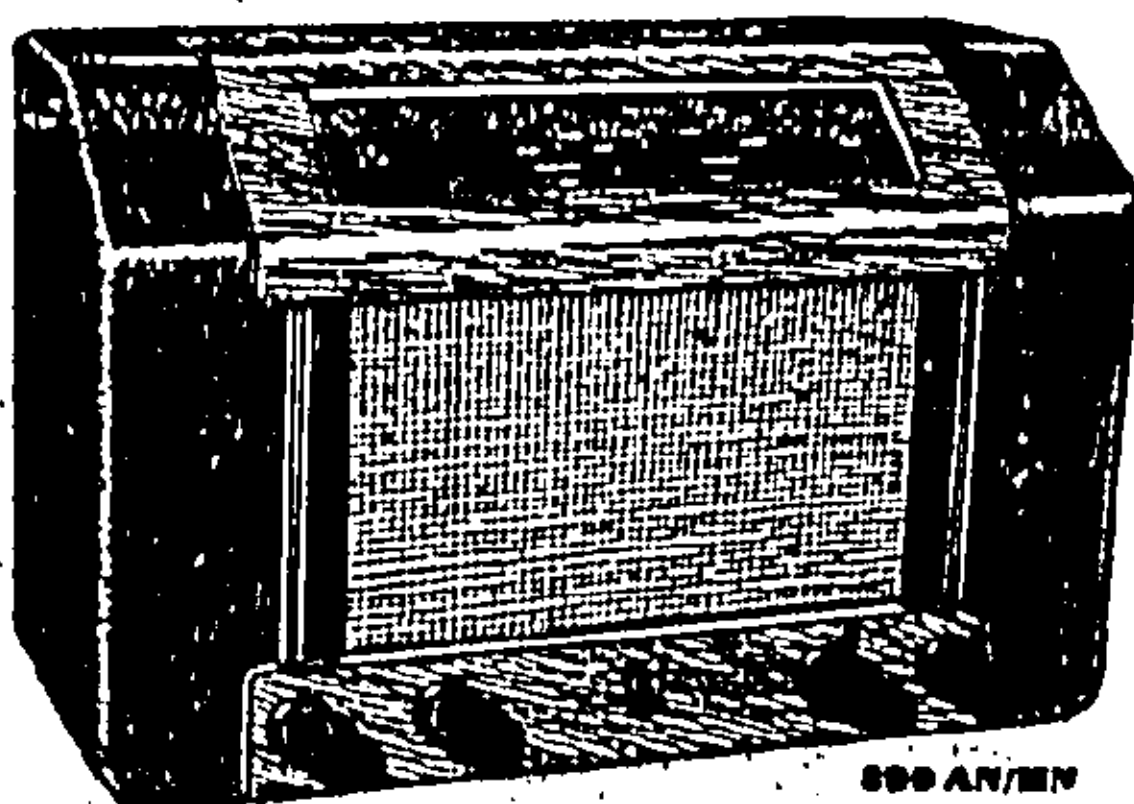
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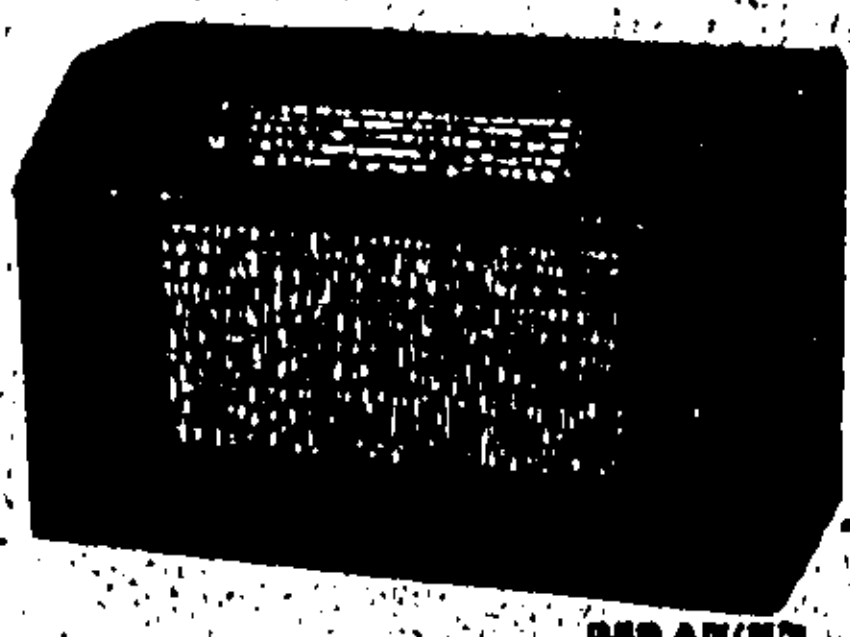
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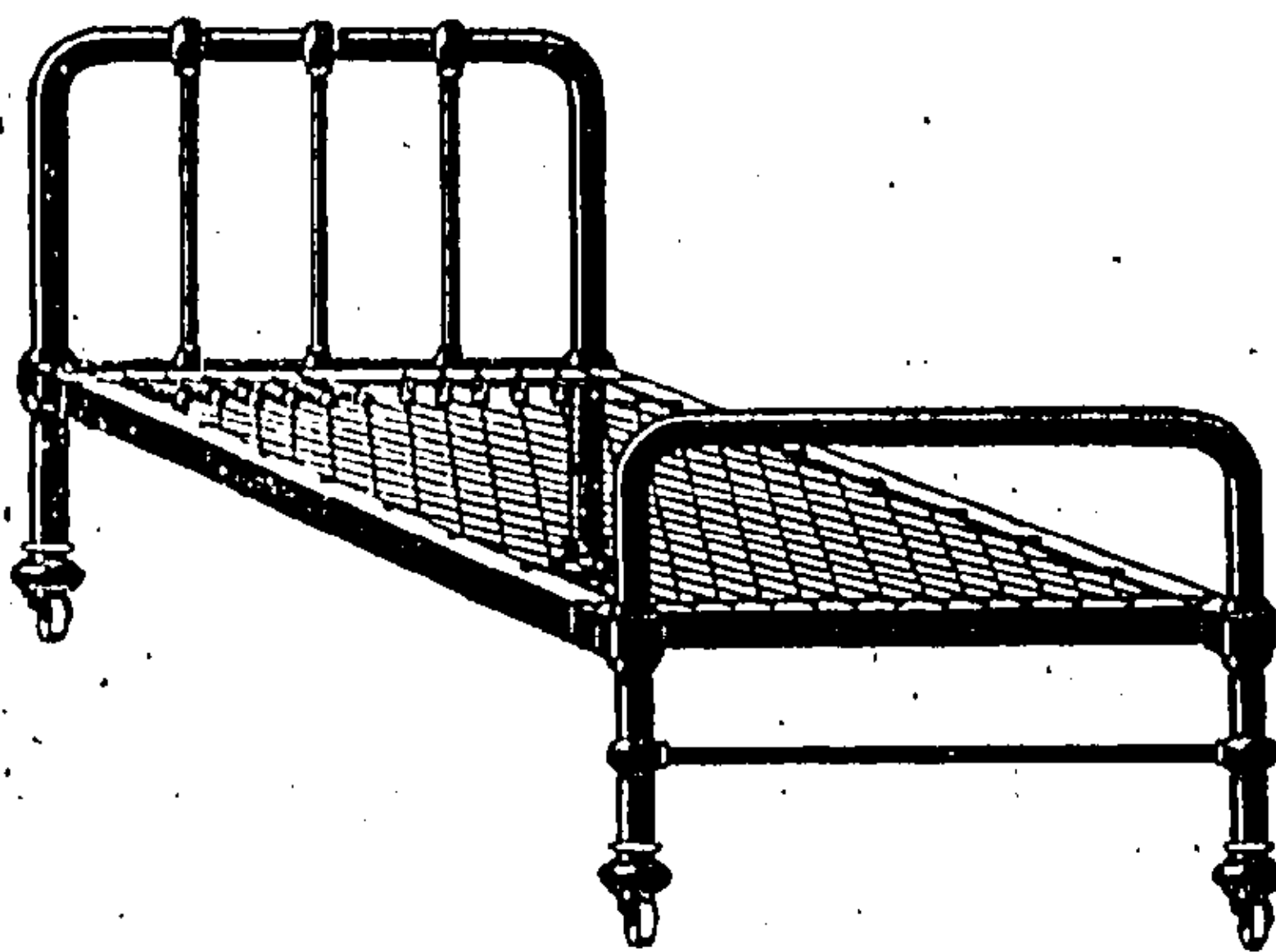
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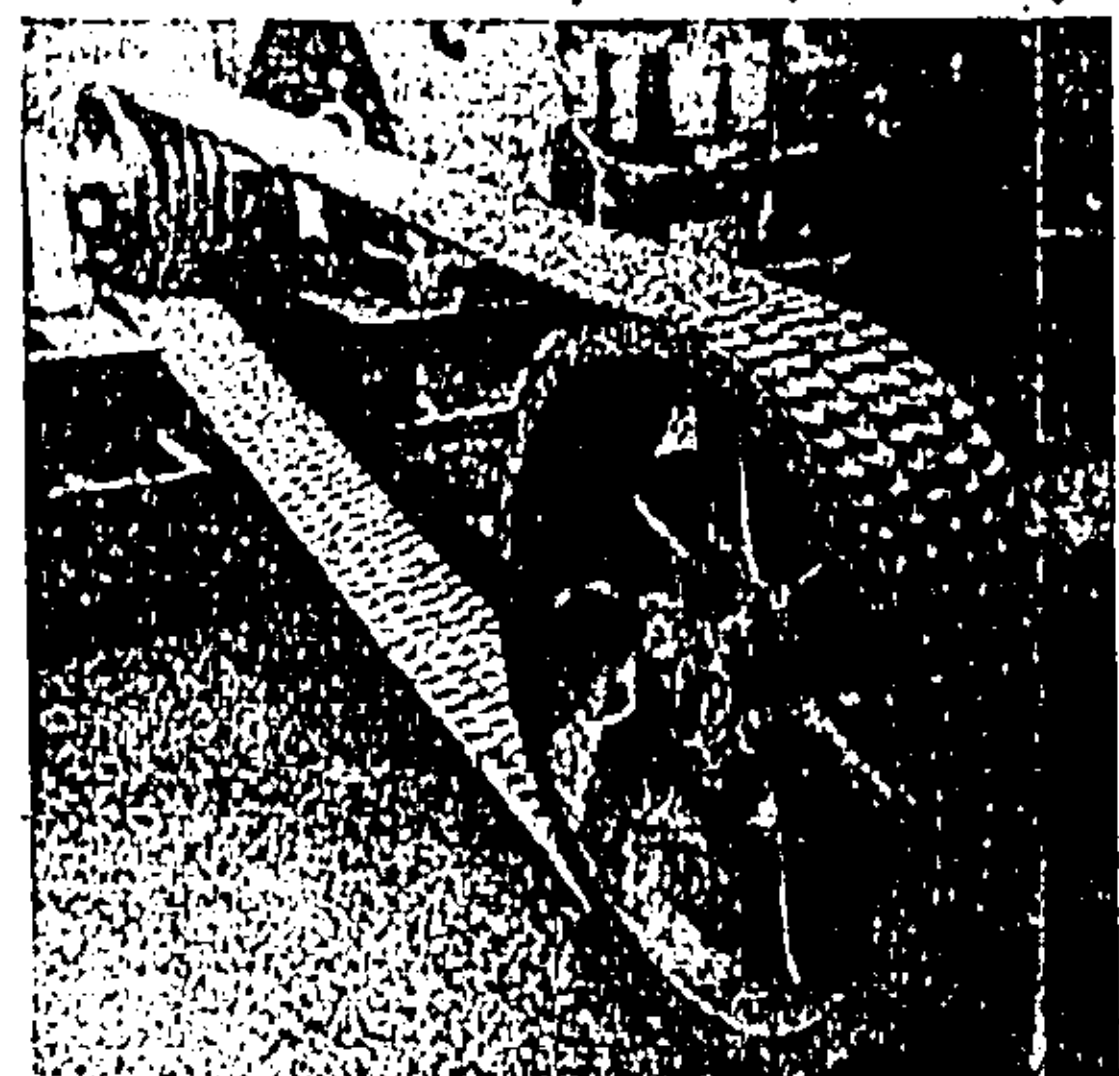
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The Rapid Filter System Of Water Purification

The majority of water supplies are unamenable, in their natural condition, for drinking purposes, and require some form of treatment. To deal effectively with raw water, and make it fit for human consumption, the Paterson Engineering Company, of Kingsway, London, developed a form of filtration known as the Paterson rapid filter, which can deal with a greater volume of water than the old methods of slow filtration.

All particles in water are kept in suspension by electrical charges, which repel them from one another. As the particles may be too minute to be intercepted by an ordinary filter system, they have first to be grouped together in a flocculent condition. The coagulating reagent used is usually aluminium sulphate, which neutralises the electrical charges so that the particles group together, making them capable of being removed either by sedimentation or by filtration.

Frequently lime, chalk or sodium aluminate is added to balance the hydrogen-ion concentration (pH value) of the water, and this enables a very small dose of coagulant to be used. If the raw water is deficient in hardness the clarified water may be slightly acid, and liable to absorb leads from the pipes through which it passes.

Neutraliser

This acidity is neutralised by the addition of an alkali, such as lime or chalk. The reagent feeding apparatus should respond readily to the fluctuations in the flow of water, as it is important that the reagent used should be in proportion to the volume of water.

Two other chemical methods of purification used are the lime-soda process of water softening, and the use of chlorine for the destruction of pathogenic bacteria in water for drinking supply, swimming baths, sewage, etc.

The process of sedimentation helps to remove a voluminous precipitate formed by addition of the reagent, leaving only the normal residue to be removed by filtration. The removal of the precipitate is brought about by the introduction of the water into specially designed sedimentary tanks, in which the process of precipitation is mechanically assisted, and means of disposing of the precipitated impurities provided. The Paterson Engineering Co. Ltd. has designed various forms of sedimentation tanks for use under various conditions, and for dealing with different classes of water.

"Slow Sand"

After the suspended content of the water has been reduced to normal proportions, the water is passed through filters of suitable design to effect the final clarification. The usual method used for filtering is the

"slow sand" system, developed by James Simpson in 1829, and at one time in common use in Great Britain, as well as on the Continent. This method consists of a bed of sand supported by layers of gravel, provided with drains at floor level to permit a uniform rate of percolation. In time the sand becomes covered with a film of living and dead organisms, and this covering retains the suspended matter, while further changes in the chemical condition of the water are effected by bacteria and other micro-organisms on and below the filter surface. The main disadvantages of this system are the slowness of operation, and the great area required to deal effectively with any large volume of water.

To combat these defects the rapid or mechanical filter was developed, purifying the water by means of artificial filtering films, and using an efficient method of cleaning the filtering without removal, thus speeding up the entire process, and requiring less space for operation.

It is of great importance that the filter, whatever its type, be capable of rapid and efficient cleansing. If the cleansing arrangements are inadequate, the plant becomes inefficient, and the quality of the filtered water deteriorates.

Bowen Road

The slow sand filter system was formerly used in Hong Kong, but it was discovered that this system was not capable of dealing efficiently with the suspended content of the water, especially during the rainy season, and a rapid gravity filter system was installed.

The Bowen Road filters, where the water derived from a catchment area of 3,000 acres, mostly hill slopes covered with vegetation, collected the water in four storage reservoirs with

a total capacity of 2,000 million gallons. During the rainy season the water collected considerable sediment, which choked the filtration system. It was decided to install six Paterson filters, each 24 ft. by 12 ft. together with the necessary housing for the filter operating platform, the chemical treatment plant and the filter cleansing machinery.

The plant, with a capacity of 3 million gallons daily, has apparatus for measuring and recording the quantity of water treated, and for the addition of the necessary aluminium sulphate and lime. Final sterilisation is ensured by a Chloromine.

Paterson filtration systems were also installed at the Elliott filter station, and the Shing Mun Waterworks, scheme on the mainland.

The Paterson Engineering Co. Ltd., who are still developing more efficient means of water purification, are represented in Hong Kong by the Jardine Engineering Corporation.

Dimitrov Denies Intrigue

Belgrade, July 29.

Bulgaria is "absolutely opposed to the division of the world into two enemy camps," the Bulgarian Premier, M. Georgi Dimitrov, who arrived in Zagreb on a short tour of Yugoslavia, told the Yugoslavian Government leaders yesterday.

"We are absolutely opposed to any policy which would lead to new aggression and a new war in the Balkans, in Europe and in the world," he said.

He was speaking at a luncheon given at the Presidium of the Yugoslav National Assembly, and the speech was released for the public only today.

Dimitrov, who was formerly head of the Comintern (Communist International), said that the visit of the Bulgarian delegation was "of much greater importance than a mere visit of friendship."

The time had come, he said, to undertake "practical, concrete and efficacious consolidation of our brotherhood on the basis of close political and economic and cultural cooperation."

He denied allegations of the creation of a "Slav bloc," and pointed out that excellent relations existed with Rumania and Albania, neither of whom were Slav nations.—Reuter.

H.K. AIR PACT SOUGHT

Manila, July 30.

Colonel Jesus Villamor, Filipino war ace, who is the director of the Philippine Bureau of Aeronautics, is scheduled to fly to Hong Kong on Friday to discuss the terms of a reciprocal air agreement between the British Crown Colony and the Philippines Republic, the Department of Foreign Affairs disclosed today.

He will be accompanied by representatives of the Foreign Office whose mission is to formally establish a Philippine Consulate there.—Associated Press.

Fire At Civic Reception

Birmingham, July 29.

A fire in the Council House of Birmingham did not interrupt the lavish reception given to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper Green of Birmingham, Alabama, last night by the Mayor and Mayoress of Birmingham, England.

While the guests were dancing in an upstairs hall, helmeted firemen sprayed water on burning furniture in one of the ground floor offices. A porter spotted the fire before it had a chance to spread.

Today, the American Mayor, who arrived as the official guest of this city last Saturday, will speak to City Councillors at a public meeting of the City Council.—United Press.

Smoke Detection By Photo Cell

A photo-cell smoke detecting equipment has been designed by The General Electric Co. Ltd. of England in conjunction with the Admiralty primarily for marine use with oil fired boilers. Its purpose is to give the boiler attendant immediate warning of a smoky condition in the uptake, and so make possible maximum efficiency of combustion, with a consequent economy in the consumption of fuel oil.

The equipment has already been installed on the aircraft carrier H.M.C.S. "Warrior" and on the latest battleship H.M.S. "Vanguard" on which their Majesties travelled on their visit to South Africa. It has been successfully tested under service conditions on both these vessels and is obviously of prime importance to ships of the Merchant Navy, particularly those engaged on long voyages, when a very considerable saving in fuel can be realised.

The application of the photo-cell to smoke detection renders obsolete the former method of gauging the conditions in the uptake by observing with the naked eye a light beam reflected in a mirror.

The system it was not always easy for the operator to detect a change in conditions promptly, and control tended to be erratic. The photo-cell installation entirely overcomes such difficulties, since the indicator lamps give the operator immediate warning of any change in the conditions in the uptake, even before the smoke reaches the top of the funnel, and he can take prompt steps to adjust the air and fuel valves. In consequence of this immediate response, the funnel can normally be maintained clear or with a slight haze as may be required.

Glasses In Reserve

The equipment comprises essentially a projector lamp house, reflecting mirrors, photo-cell amplifier, indicating lamps and control box. A 12 volt 30 watt lamp provides the source of light which is projected across the uptake and is reflected by a mirror through a focussing lens on to the cathode of the photo-cell. The number of mirrors may be increased according to the size of the uptake.

In order to obtain the earliest possible indication of any change in combustion, the projector, photo-cell, amplifier and

mirrors are mounted on the uptake as close as possible to the boiler, and are protected by removable armour plate glasses which prevent their oiling-up under working conditions. These glasses are fitted in sliding carriers and are easily removable for cleaning. They are replaced by clean glasses, which are held in reserve, at least every 12 hours as part of the regular routine duty of the boiler room staff.

Where the equipment is installed in boiler rooms working under a pressure of air, practical experience on board has shown that if the components are all mounted with a half-inch air gap between the uptake and flange mounting of the component, sufficient air passes in front of the armour plate glasses to keep them free from particles of oil over a period of 12 hours. If, however, the boiler room is not under air pressure, it is necessary to provide an independent air supply to the glasses, and suitable attachments are arranged on the components for coupling up to this.

Control Box

The control box, which is usually placed in the main engine control room, contains the constant voltage current transformer and calibrating resistances. A 230 volt single phase operation; in the event of there being only a D.C. supply available, a rotary converter is employed to give the requisite A.C.

There are two indicating lamp boxes for each uptake, one adjacent to the air and oil valve controls in the boiler room, the other in the main engine control room, so that the shift engineer can also see at a glance the condition in the uptake. Each lamp box has three coloured glasses; green, indicating a clear funnel; yellow, a slight haze; red, excessive smoke. Normally, therefore, the boiler attendant must ensure that the indication is always green, or at least, hovering between green and yellow.

Further particulars regarding this equipment may be obtained by calling at or writing to the offices of the British General Electric Co. Ltd., Queens Building, Hong Kong, who are direct representatives of the General Electric Co. Ltd. of England.

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Each territory is covered separately by BESTEC representatives. Directors and executives of BESTEC also make regular visits to customers and agents in all the principal markets, one purpose of which is to design, and advise on, special equipment to meet local conditions and production problems.

The BESTEC representatives in Hong Kong are The Far East Import and Export Ltd., 127 Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong.

New Machine

A machine that may revolutionise bottle manufacture has been designed by two Scottish inventors. So far bottle-making has been the task of skilled glass-blowers, who had to watch with care every stage of the process. The new machine carries out the whole process automatically and at a speed of eight bottles a minute, which is beyond the achievement of even the handiest craftsman. The firm responsible for making the machine already has orders exceeding £50,000 on hand.



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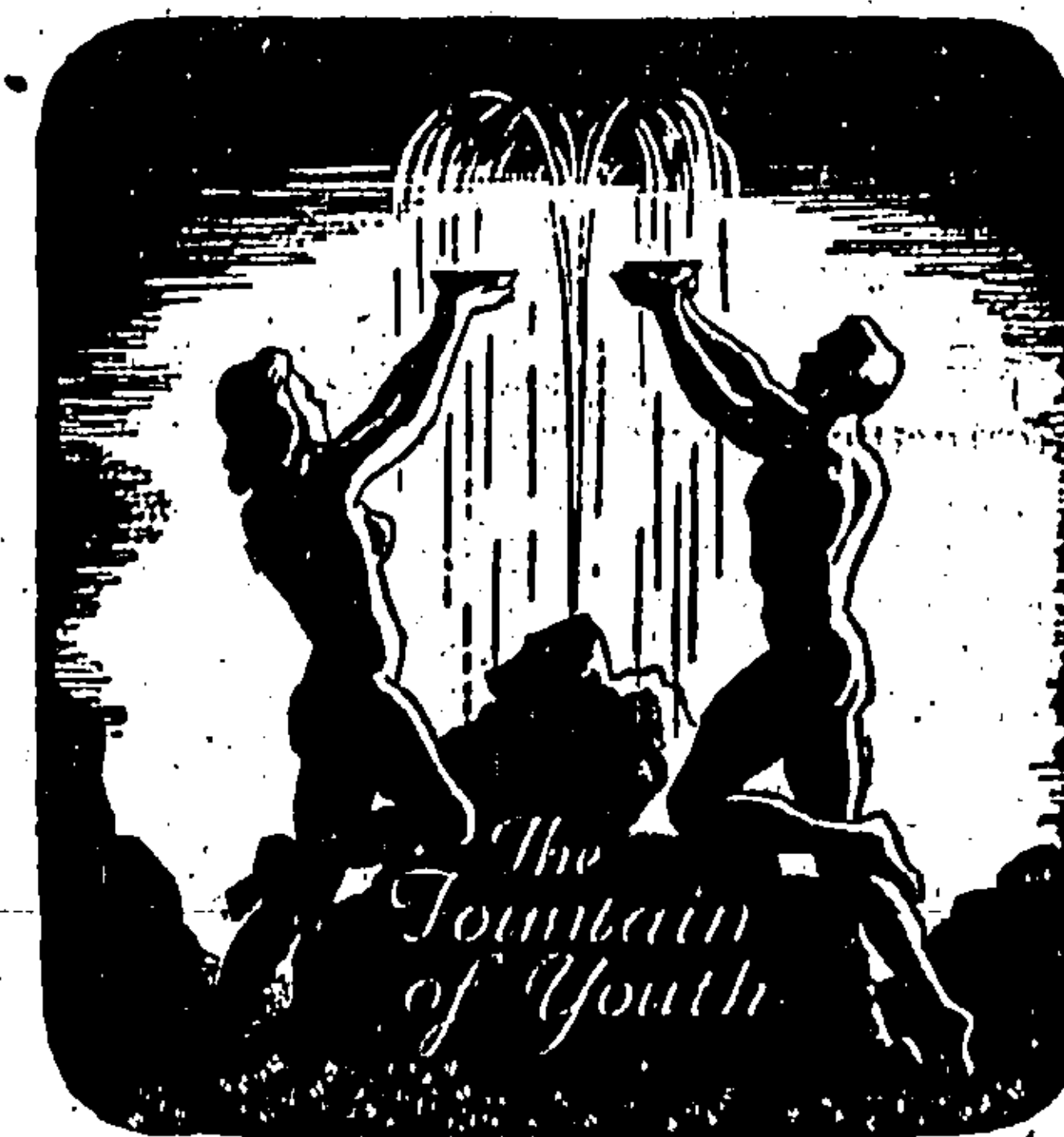


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Soviet Accepts Invitation On Germany's Future

London, July 29. The Soviet Government has accepted an invitation issued by Britain to a conference of Foreign Ministers' deputies for Germany to meet here beginning October, a Foreign Office spokesman stated today.

The invitation was sent simultaneously three weeks ago to Washington, Moscow and Paris.

Young China In Prague

Prague, July 29. Speaking at the International Youth Festival in Prague today, on the struggle of Chinese youth, Chen Chia Kang, member of the Presidium of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, stated that Chinese youth was completely united although China was today divided into two parts — one governed by Chiang Kai Shek, and the other "liberated."

While youth in the liberated territory in northern and north-eastern China could organise freely, youth in Chang Kai Shek's China could meet only in secret and was exposed to heavy persecutions, he said, appealing to the democratic youth of the world to give its support to Chinese youth in its just struggle for peace. — Reuter.

Chinese Trade With Japan

Nanking, July 30. The Executive Yuan has rejected the National Economic Council's recommendation to postpone the reopening of Chinese-Japanese trade and decided to send a private Chinese trade mission to Japan, a reliable source told the United Press today.

The Executive Yuan's decision will be submitted to the State Council on Friday for confirmation. The Executive Yuan arrived at the decision after Cabinet members came round to the view that "China's foreign policy cannot run counter to that of the United States."

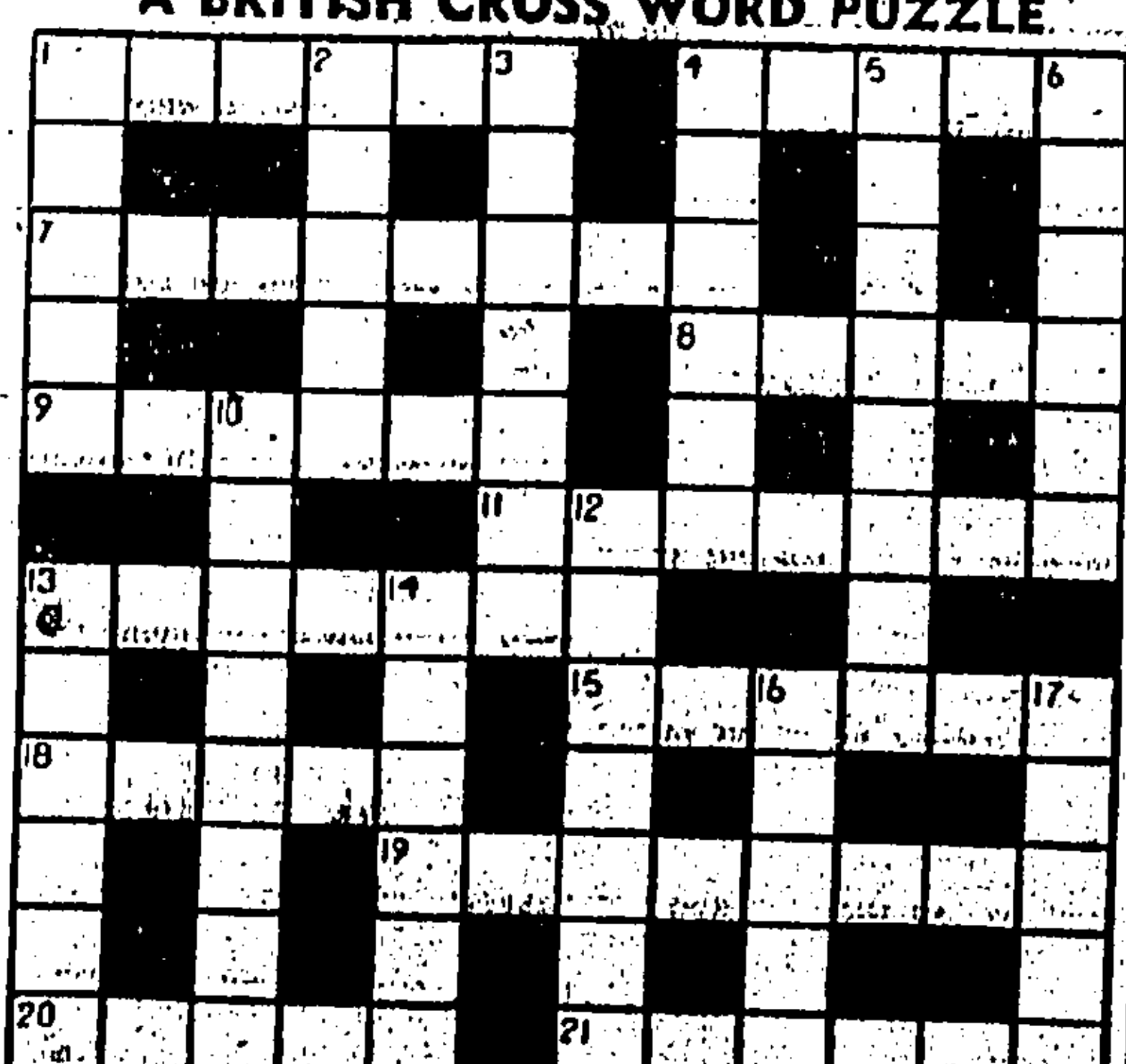
However, one high official said the reopening of Chinese-Japanese commercial relations might be hampered by various difficulties since government policy is obviously contrary to public opinion. In addition, he pointed out that trade cannot be expected to be satisfactory in the absence of peace and commercial treaties between the two countries. — United Press.

COTTON PRICES

New Orleans, July 30. Cotton futures closed \$2.70 to \$3.70 a bale lower. October 33.52-54; December 33.00-10; March 32.69; May 32.10-28; July 31.50; Spot cotton was 33 a bale lower. Middling 35.25. — Associated Press.

New York, July 30. The cotton textile market was quiet. Wool goods were dull. Higher prices were generally expected in trade circles. Rayons were strong, reflecting scarcity of offerings. — Associated Press.

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 - Common place
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 - Love affair
 - Fibrous
 - Undeveloped
 - Worn out
 - Panic
 - Most unpleasant
 - Standstill
 - Dowdy person
 - Savoury

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Imps; 4 Advances; 8 Coder; 9 Undo; 10 Escaped; 11 Ripe; 12 Sole; 14 Tremble; 17 Grudge; 18 Sift; 22 Bleeding; 25 Ally; 27 Moon; 28 Pension; 29 Crow; 30 Toms; 31 Shelter; 32 Thaw.

Down: 2 Mentor; 3 Scored; 4 Admit; 5 Desert; 6 Alarm; 7 Greed; 12 Seal; 13 Lure; 15 Bait; 16 Easy; 18 Hammer; 23 Lament; 24 Slaves; 25 Leech; 26 Nasty; 27 Diner.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Only a moderate business was transacted. A few quotations showed signs of a rise, although generally the market stood on well to offerings of the popular family. — Closing, note book:

H.K. Govt. 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Dramatic Victory At Goodwood

Yachting Trophy Goes Home

Glasgow, July 29. The famous yachting trophy, the Seawanhauk Cup, returned to the United States after 19 years, when the United States challenger, *Ojima*, today beat the defending yacht, *Johan*, by one minute 30 seconds.

The course for today's race, the third of the series, was windward and leeward two rounds, making 14 miles in all, with the weather mark in the direction of Asenc.

Ojima quickly took the lead in the first leg, gaining a minute, but *Johan* took a brief lead as they approached the first mark between Largs and Skelmorlie. The challenger, however, took advantage of a quick change of wind and shot through *Johan's* weather course to lead by 45 seconds at the first turn.

Johan lost heavily on the run back and was never able to overtake the American challenger, who was a comfortable winner. —United Press.

Search For Boxers Among Miners

London, July 30. Britain turned to its miners on Tuesday in a search for new champions to restore the battered prestige of British boxing.

A nationwide elimination contest for amateur boxers among the 720,000 miners was announced by the National Coal Board in conjunction with London fight promoter Jack Solomon.

"In addition to promoting the miners' interest in sport, we hope this will attract more men to the mines and develop new champions," said Stanley Newson, Coal Board Public Relations head in announcing the scheme.

The first elimination matches were set tentatively to begin near the collieries themselves in September. Winners of eight divisional quarter finals in all weights will then be brought to London for the finals next March. Newson said that the project was conceived during a "very successful" tour of the mining areas by American heavyweight Joe Louis, after he had beaten Britain's Bruce Woodcock.

Others who endorsed the plan included Will Lawther, President of the National Union of Mine Workers, and the Ministry of Fuel and Power. —Associated Press.

Gloucester Keeps Up The Pace

London, July 29. Forcing a win over Leicestershire during extra time today, Gloucestershire retained a shared leadership in the county cricket table with Middlesex.

Both these counties recorded their 13th victory of the season and have 164 points. Derbyshire are third with 124, and Lancashire, beaten for the first time this season, are fourth.

The results of game which ended today were:

At Kennington Oval: Surrey drew with Yorkshire. Yorks 353 and 192 for eight (Keighley 50, Laker four for 40). Surrey 371 (Alec Bedser 51).

At Maidstone: Kent drew with Essex. Kent 580 for six declared and 142 for three (Todd 60 not out). Essex 502 (Pearce 92, Smith 67).

At Leicester: Gloucestershire beat Leicestershire by 71 runs. Gloucestershire 297 and 198 for three declared (Emmett 103 not out, Neale 78 not out). Leicestershire 206 and 188 (Tomkins 58, Cook five for 87, Goddard five for 69).

At Farnham: Somerset beat Lancashire by 66 runs. Somerset 262 and 188 (Lance 169 and 105). (Brierley 60, Hazel six for 51).

At Birmingham: Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by ten wickets. Warwickshire 98 and 257 (Cranmer 70). Worcestershire 332 and 24 for no wickets.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan beat Sussex by four wickets. Glamorgan 338 for eight declared and 154 for six (Davies 74, Dyson 50). Sussex 120 and 362 (Burtlett 76, Cox 104, Onkes 53).

At Nottingham: Middlesex beat Notts by 287 runs. Middlesex 403 for eight declared and 304 for four declared. Notts 232 and 188. —Reuter.

BOWLS TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Cricket Club against Indian Recreation Club in a friendly bowls match at K.C.C. on Saturday at 4 p.m.

H. Gittins, V.C. Labrum, T. Lock and M.N. Rakusen (skip).

L. Botes, J. Fraser, J. Oram and E.C. Finch (skip).

J. Chubb, S.A. Gray, A.E.P. Guest and F. Goodwin (skip).

A.C. Tribble, A. Eastman, C. Downman and T.A. Mader (skip).

Reserves: W.J. Howard and C. Fyfe.

Feller Stops The Red Sox

New York, July 30. In the American League, the Boston Red Sox, defeated by first baseman Feller, dropped 10½ games, behind the league leading New York Yankees. Indian first baseman Ed Robinson hit two homers. It was Feller's 13th win of the season.

Cleaver, started a five run seventh inning uprising to beat Philadelphia 5 to 4 in the National League.

In the Cubs big inning they registered four hits and four walks. The winning run was scored on a walk issued by Phil Cuccinelli. —Charles Schanz.

Easy Victory

Birthday Greetings, a son of the former Derby winner, Blue Peter, won the six furlong Richmond Stakes easily as he is already being spoken of as next year's Derby winner.

The Maharaja Gnekwar of Baroda's Irish Derby winner, Sayajirao, duly landed the odds laid on him to win the Warren Stakes of one and a half miles, but although the jockey, Edgar Britt, did not pick up his whip, it did not look as if he could have beaten the runner-up, Glendower, by much more than the half length that he won by.

The Indian prince looked like landing a double when his filly, Lord Blime, was out in front in the five-furlong Halmaker Stakes, but she failed to last the home stretch and the race to the Irish-bred Fair Trial. Richards rode a splendid finish to get him home.

Joel Victory

The King's colt, Howdah, once again made favourite, was no match for the Pride of India in the New Ham Pool Stakes over six furlongs. The Pride of India, a son of Colombo, and owned by Henry Joel, carried the famous red silk and black cap to a popular victory.

BOWLS TITLE MATCHES

The following amendments to the programme of the Open Singles and Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship are announced:

Open Singles

August 8:—J. F. Shields v. M. N. Rakusen (at Kowloon Decks).

August 12:—C. H. Gough v. S. Yusuf (at H.K.F.C.).

Open Pairs

August 7:—A. H. and U. A. Rumjahn v. J. Galtely and L. A. Collier (at H.K.F.C.).

August 11:—A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury v. A. F. and J. E. Noronha (at K.B.G.C.).

August 14:—A. V. Gosans and N. A. Boltrao v. E. F. Pope and L. G. Coombes (at K.C.C.).

CANADIAN AIR MISHAP

Honolulu, July 29. A Royal Canadian Air Force transport, carrying General H. D. G. Crear, wartime chief of Canadian forces in Europe, made an emergency landing here yesterday without injury to the occupants.

General Crear and his party are en route to Tokyo at the invitation of General MacArthur for a tour of inspection.

The plane landed on the runway with one engine dead. —United Press.

Test Umpire Shocks Australia

Sydney, July 30. The action of Frank Chester, one of the umpires, in stopping the use of fast bowlers in the Leeds test match between England and South Africa, has astonished Australia.

W. H. Jenner, Secretary of the Australian Board of Control, said: "I know of no instruction which allows umpires to order a change of bowlers in any circumstances."

Jack Scott, the Australian umpire who stood in the tests between England and Australia this year, declared: "An umpire cannot tell a captain not to use certain bowlers. If the light is bad, the correct procedure is for the batsman to appeal and for the umpire to allow the appeal if he thinks fast bowling is dangerous to the batsmen."

W. J. O'Reilly, the former test bowler, stated: "If the facts are as I understand them, Chester grossly overstepped his duty. No Australian captain worthy of his salt would be dictated to by an umpire in such a manner." —Associated Press.

FOUR BRITONS KILLED

Dutch Shoot Down Unarmed Dakota

Batavia, July 29. Nine people on board—an Indian, four Indonesians and four Britons—were killed when an Indian Dakota plane was shot down by two Dutch fighters today as it was about to land in the airfield at Jogjakarta, the Indonesian Republic capital.

The plane, which belonged to Mr. B. Patnaik, crashed into the village of Wodjo, two and a half miles south of Jogjakarta and burst into flames. There was one survivor.

The Jogjakarta radio named the victims as: The pilot, former Wing-Commander Constantine, his wife, ex-Squadron-Leader Hazelhurst, an Indian engineer, Mechanic Bidarin, and four Indonesians, Mrs. Agi Sutjipto, Abdul Rachman Saleh, Hadi Sumarno and Arifan Gani. The fourth British victim has not yet been identified.

The plane, which left Singapore earlier today, carrying two tons of medical supplies for the Indonesian Red Cross, belonged to Mr. B. Patnaik, personal friend of Jawaharlal Nehru.

The pilot, ex-Wing-Commander Constantine, was an unofficial civil aviation adviser to the Indonesian Government. He commanded a R.A.F. fighter squadron in India during the war.

Last week, the plane flew Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, former Indonesian Prime Minister, from Jogjakarta to India through the Dutch air blockade on the first stage of his world air tour, appealing for aid for his country.

The Jogjakarta radio said that the plane was coming into the airfield with its undercarriage already lowered when it was attacked and shot down.

The airfield was attacked twice today by Dutch planes, tonight's Indonesian army communiqué said.

The Jogjakarta radio later reported that the sole survivor was Abdul Gani, Secretary-General of the Republican Information Ministry.

The Indonesian Republican Government has issued a special communiqué, expressing the deepest sorrow and heartfelt sympathy with the families of those who lost their lives. —Reuter.

Victims May Be Flown Out

Batavia, July 30. The Republican Government has suggested to the British Consul-General in Batavia, Mr. J. M. Mitcheson, that he might send a British aircraft to Jogjakarta to remove the victims of yesterday's Dakota disaster to Batavia or Singapore for burial.

"The Government of the Republic regrets that in the present circumstances it does not have the services of a minister of the Church of England," the message to Mr. Mitcheson said and suggested that the appropriate last offices of the rites of the Church of England could be carried out in Batavia or Singapore.

Is stated that pending the receipt of a reply, the Republic had given orders to embalm the bodies.

The message conveyed the Republic's formal expression of deep regret and sympathy and said that it would be grateful if Mr. Mitcheson would convey its expression to the families of those concerned.

A Dutch East Indies Government spokesman refused to make an official statement last night on the alleged shooting down of the Dakota because he said that no official reports had so far reached Batavia.

He said, however, that he wanted to make it clear that the Dakota was not an official British military plane from Singapore, although it may have carried medical supplies.

The International Red Cross is working to get the bodies flown out. —United Press.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S FIGURES OF EFFICIENCY

AT THE MERCY OF THE BRUTE

Lower (England), July 30. School teacher Ronald Hook today was free to run at his mother-in-law—with the court's permission.

A judge dismissed his wife's divorce suit after declaring that he had not been held to be if a husband happens to be rude to his wife's mother that is cause for dissolving a marriage. —United Press.

Big Increase In Radio Licences

Compared with last year, the number of owners of radio-sets has increased by almost 150 per cent during the first seven months of this year, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

Radio receiving set licences taken out since the beginning of the year totalled 24,030 yesterday, which is 13,385 more than the whole of 1946 during which 10,645 licences were issued.

Police Commissioner's Figures Of Efficiency

Police Commissioner Macintosh revealed at a Press conference yesterday that there was a large increase in juvenile hawking offences during 1946, no less than 4,160 boys and 2,360 girls, making a total of 6,520 juveniles under 21 years of age, being charged with such offences.

In addition two juveniles were charged with possession of arms, six with serious assault, thirteen with common assault, eleven for burglary and house-breaking, 242 boys and 3 girls were caught for petty larceny, and no fewer than 82 boys and 18 girls were in possession of stolen goods.

One boy was charged with manslaughter.

More boys were caught in Hong Kong than in Kowloon for serious offences.

It was largely a social problem, he said, not belonging to Hong Kong alone. London reports reveal 25 per cent more children between the ages of 8 and 13 arrested than before the war. The increase in offenders between the ages 21 and 30 was 80 per cent. London reports the highest crime increase in the 10-year age group, the respective percentages being age 8 44%, 9 48%, age 10 60%, age 11 44%.

It will thus be seen, said the Police Commissioner, that as compared with London our problem here is a minor one, but this does not mean it is not serious one, deserving of the attention of right-thinking people.

Strength Of Force

Police Commissioner Macintosh also gave figures of the European strength of the Force. In 1941, in the supervising grades there were 295 as against 43 locals in the same grade, making a total of 338 supervising officers. Today there are 244 Europeans and 108 locals, or a total of 352 in the same grade. However, not all the Europeans are on duty, as some are on leave, and actually there are only 218 Europeans and 100 locals at present on duty, making a total of 318.

European non-gazetted officers are being gradually reduced to 200 with compensating increase in the gazetted officers and local inspectors. The final figures this year are expected to be 238 Europeans and 128 locals, which will provide a total of 366 in the supervisory grade as against 388 before the war.

Police Commissioner Macintosh said that while the local force only one-sixth of the supervisory rank, they now occupy more than one-third of the total number. This change in accordance with the policy of training up local officers to take over tasks formerly performed by Europeans.

Crime Figures

Dealing with the general problem of crime tackling, Police Commissioner Macintosh referred to figures in the annual report of the London Metropolitan Police for 1946 and said Hong Kong did not show up too badly in comparison.

In 1938 Hong Kong with an estimated population of 1,400,000 had 11,388 serious crimes, or 8 crimes per 1,000.

For the 12-month period of 1946 with an estimated population of 1,800,000 the figure was 13,754 which gives a proportion of roughly 8 per 1,000, the same as before the war.

In the London area, as compared with 1938, the year 1946 showed an increase of 34% in serious crimes, or a proportion of 16 to every 1,000, as against 10 in 1938.

Crimes in Hong Kong worked out at 6 for every policeman in 1946. This was the figure for London in 1930, but for 1946 it had jumped to 9 or 10, so here again Hong Kong compared more favourably with London.

Arrests per policeman are the same in Hong Kong as in London, namely two per man.

In 1946 London recovered 17.84 of property stolen during the year. The Hong Kong figure is 25.4%.

The following crime figures for the first quarter of the current year ending June 30, as

Organisation

"Regarding the organisation of the Force," the Commissioner Macintosh said, "we started from scratch, we had a threefold problem on our mind. Improvements to keep going, one involve a short term planning programme which fits into a long term programme extending over five years."

The planning phase, he said, was the most difficult phase and changes with the changing of plans and improvement of organisation, we are able to recruit certain man power.

Before the war officers in the supervising grade had two days off a month, now they have one off a week and 15 days local leave per annum in addition.

Questions on Hong Kong's accident rates as compared with London's, Commissioner Macintosh said, "fatal traffic cases were about the same per head of population, but as regards serious accidents, Hong Kong had only 28 for its approximate population of two millions as against London's 282, also for two millions."

Lighting And Noises

Questions were also asked about street lighting in certain areas, and the Police Commissioner agreed that bad lighting did contribute to crime and that he was taking the matter up with the appropriate quarters.

Complaints of street noises frequently aired in the Press were also mentioned, and Commissioner Macintosh said that the public would be reported direct to the nearest Police Station, prompt action would be taken.

"It seems, however," said Mr. Macintosh, "that while there are noises there are always who do not mind, and the policy of the Police is that unless complaints from residents are made, no action will be taken."

The C.I.O.S. will not now be visiting Hong Kong. This information has been received by the G.O.C. with a special message from the C.I.O.S. to His Excellency. The Governor, expressing his regret at having to cancel a visit which he had been looking forward to with much pleasure.

Fruitless Appeal To Soviet

JULY 29. FRANCE APPEALED TO SOVIET RUSSIA IN THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL HERE TODAY TO BANISH DISTRUST AND TO JOIN IN THE MARSHALL PLAN FOR THE ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE.

Discussing the report of the Economic Commission for Europe, M. Georges Bonin, of France, said that France did not feel that the present situation was, in any way, final.

"We have stated repeatedly that all doors are left open," he added. He hoped that the stand taken by Russia "will not be strictly adhered to forever."

"We hope that this attitude will change, when distrust, which is at present playing such a large part, subsides," he added.

On the "delicate problem" of German economy, he said, the setting up of Europe on its feet again depended to a certain extent on German recovery.

European and German economic problems must be tackled as a whole. Priority to German reconstruction would be "inadmissible and unbearable," but on the other hand it would be equally dangerous to allow Germany to remain in the heart of Europe with diverse economic conditions which would be allowed to spread.

The Soviet delegate, Professor Alexander Morozov, in his speech, made only this comment on the French statement: "Some delegates have mentioned the Marshall plan. The Soviet position on this plan was stated by M. Molotov in Paris." —Reuter.

In Other Words—What?

Shanghai, July 30. The UNRRA Far East Council in Washington has recommended to the UNRRA China office that no further relief supplies be distributed north of the 34th parallel as a result of the Chinese Government's blockade of Communist ports in violation of the pledge to allow non-partisan distribution of UNRRA supplies in China, the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury reported today.

If the report is true—UNRRA here hitherto has received no official information on the recommendation—it means that all of North China and Manchuria will in future be excluded from UNRRA supplies.

The report added that it understood that all supplies formerly allocated to North China and Manchuria, with the exception of perishable goods, such as foods and fertilisers, which will be sent to South China and Formosa, will be withheld from distribution until either the National Government lifts its anti-Communist blockade or the Washington Council reverses the present decision. —Reuter.

Dutch Training In Britain

London, July 30. Mr. Hector Hughes, Labour, in the Commons today asked how many Dutch military and naval troops were now being trained in Britain and if any steps would be taken to bring the arrangement to an end, pending the cessation of hostilities in the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Bevin replied: "No, I cannot do that. After all, Holland was overrun by the Germans. We entered into a solemn understanding to re-equip and train the Dutch army which has been destroyed."

"I am entitled to say to the Dutch Government, however, that we are not doing this for the purpose of this war with Indonesia. It is beyond that."

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